

By: Representative Blackmon

To: Judiciary A;
Apportionment and Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1066

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-991, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ELIMINATE THE FOURTEEN-MONTH GAP BETWEEN ELECTION AND TAKING
3 OFFICE OF CERTAIN SUPREME COURT JUSTICES; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-991, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 23-15-991. The term of office of judges of the Supreme Court
9 shall be eight (8) years. * * * An election shall be held on the
10 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November immediately
11 preceding the expiration of the term of an incumbent in the
12 Supreme Court district from which each incumbent was elected and
13 likewise each eighth year thereafter, at which there shall be
14 elected a successor to the incumbent, whose term of office shall
15 thereafter begin on the first Monday of January of the year in
16 which the term of the incumbent he succeeds expires.

17 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
18 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
19 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
20 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
21 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
22 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
23 extended.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
26 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.