

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Apportionment and Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1076

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 5-3-123, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT A PLAN TO REDISTRICT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL
3 DISTRICTS FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI BY THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL
4 REDISTRICITING COMMITTEE SHALL BE DRAWN NOT MORE OFTEN THAN ONCE
5 EVERY TEN YEARS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 5-3-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 5-3-123. The members of the committee shall draw a plan to
10 redistrict, according to constitutional standards, the United
11 States congressional districts for the State of Mississippi no
12 later than thirty (30) days preceding the convening of the next
13 regular session of the Legislature after the results of the 1980
14 decennial census are published and not more often than once every
15 ten (10) years thereafter.

16 Provided, however, the committee shall not be required to
17 present a plan to the Governor and to the Legislature prior to
18 four (4) months after the publication of census data.

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

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