

By: Senator(s) Thomas

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2290

1 AN ACT TO CREATE SECTIONS 47-1-65, 47-5-111 AND 7-3-61,
2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE CORRECTION FACILITIES TO
3 IMPLEMENT, AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO DEVELOP, A VOTING LAW
4 CURRICULUM FOR INMATES TO ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO ARE NOT
5 DISENFRANCHISED BY THEIR CONVICTION TO VOTE; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
9 47-1-65, Mississippi Code of 1972:

10 47-1-65. It is the duty of the board of supervisors of each
11 county and of the governing authority of each municipality to
12 provide voter education to every inmate incarcerated for a period
13 exceeding sixty (60) days in any facility subject to the control
14 of the board of supervisors or the governing authority of the
15 municipality, whether by contract or otherwise, according to a
16 curriculum developed by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section
17 7-3-61, Mississippi Code of 1972.

18 **SECTION 2.** The following shall be codified as Section
19 47-5-111, Mississippi Code of 1972:

20 47-5-111. It is the duty of the commissioner to provide
21 voter education to every inmate incarcerated for a period
22 exceeding sixty (60) days in any facility subject to the control
23 of the Department of Corrections, whether by contract or
24 otherwise, according to a curriculum developed by the Secretary of
25 State pursuant to Section 7-3-61, Mississippi Code of 1972.

26 **SECTION 3.** The following shall be codified as Section
27 7-3-61, Mississippi Code of 1972:

28 7-3-61. It is the duty of the Secretary of State to develop
29 a curriculum for use by all municipal and county jails, facilities

30 operated by the Department of Corrections, and any private
31 correctional facility offering services under contract to the
32 Department of Corrections or any Mississippi county or
33 municipality to inform inmates of the voting laws of this state
34 with the purpose of encouraging qualified inmates and qualified
35 ex-offenders to exercise the right to vote.

36 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2005.