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To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2571

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-575, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PRIMARY HELD
3 BY ONE POLITICAL PARTY IF HE PARTICIPATED IN A PRIMARY HELD BY
4 ANOTHER POLITICAL PARTY THAT WAS CONDUCTED TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES
5 FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY IN
6 WHICH HE SEEKS TO PARTICIPATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-575, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 23-15-575. (1) No person shall be eligible to participate
11 in any primary election unless he intends to support the
12 nominations made in the primary in which he participates.

13 (2) A person shall not participate in the primary held by
14 one political party if he participated in a primary held by
15 another political party that was conducted to nominate candidates
16 for the general election held immediately prior to the primary in
17 which he seeks to participate.

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

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