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To: County Affairs; Fees and  
Salaries of Public Officers

## HOUSE BILL NO. 786

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION OF EACH  
2 COUNTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CIRCUIT CLERK, TO SPONSOR AND  
3 CONDUCT TRAINING SESSIONS TO EDUCATE QUALIFIED ELECTORS REGARDING  
4 THE OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS; TO AUTHORIZE  
5 COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION TO RECEIVE PER DIEM COMPENSATION FOR  
6 TIME SPENT CONDUCTING SUCH TRAINING SESSIONS; TO LIMIT THE NUMBER  
7 OF DAYS FOR WHICH COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION MAY BE COMPENSATED; TO  
8 AMEND SECTION 23-15-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
9 PER DIEM COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
10 ELECTION; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY COMMISSIONER OF ELECTION WHO HAS NOT  
11 RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE INDICATING  
12 THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF ELECTION HAS RECEIVED THE REQUIRED  
13 ELECTIONS SEMINAR INSTRUCTION AND THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF  
14 ELECTION IS FULLY QUALIFIED TO CONDUCT AN ELECTION, SHALL NOT  
15 RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES; TO  
16 AMEND SECTION 23-15-211, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
17 NUMBER OF ANNUAL PAID TRAINING DAYS FOR COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION  
18 FROM 6 DAYS TO 12 DAYS; TO ALLOW THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO  
19 AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL 8 PAID TRAINING DAYS; TO REQUIRE  
20 COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION TO ANNUALLY FILE WITH THE CHANCERY CLERK  
21 THE CERTIFICATE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE INDICATING THAT THE  
22 COMMISSIONER OF ELECTION HAS RECEIVED THE ELECTIONS TRAINING  
23 SEMINAR INSTRUCTION AND THAT EACH PARTICIPANT IS FULLY QUALIFIED  
24 TO CONDUCT AN ELECTION; TO PROVIDE THAT IF A COMMISSIONER OF  
25 ELECTION FAILS TO FILE THE CERTIFICATE BY APRIL 30 OF EACH YEAR  
26 HIS OFFICE SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY VACATED; TO AMEND SECTION  
27 23-15-239, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONERS OF  
28 ELECTION TO RECEIVE PER DIEM COMPENSATION FOR TIME SPENT  
29 CONDUCTING TRAINING SESSIONS FOR POLL WORKERS PRIOR TO ELECTION;  
30 TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR WHICH COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION  
31 MAY BE COMPENSATED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

33 **SECTION 1.** (1) The commissioners of election of each  
34 county, in conjunction with the circuit clerk, may sponsor and  
35 conduct training sessions to educate qualified electors regarding  
36 the operation of electronic voting systems authorized pursuant to  
37 Section 23-15-461 et seq. at such times and locations as may be  
38 determined by the commissioners of election.

39 (2) Subject to the following annual limitations, the  
40 commissioners of election shall be entitled to receive a per diem  
41 in the amount of Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00), to be paid from the

42 county general fund, for every day or period of no less than five  
43 (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed  
44 in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in  
45 conducting training sessions as required in subsection (1) of this  
46 section:

47 (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand  
48 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
49 census, not more than five (5) days per year;

50 (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)  
51 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
52 less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the  
53 latest federal decennial census, not more than six (6) days per  
54 year;

55 (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)  
56 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
57 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the  
58 latest federal decennial census, not more than seven (7) days per  
59 year;

60 (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)  
61 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
62 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the  
63 latest federal decennial census, not more than eight (8) days per  
64 year;

65 (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)  
66 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
67 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents  
68 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
69 nine (9) days per year;

70 (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand  
71 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
72 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents  
73 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
74 ten (10) days per year;

75           (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)  
76 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
77 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents  
78 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
79 eleven (11) days per year;

80           (h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand  
81 (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
82 census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)  
83 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not  
84 more than twelve (12) days per year;

85           (i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand  
86 (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
87 census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000)  
88 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not  
89 more than thirteen (13) days per year;

90           (j) In counties having two hundred seventy-five  
91 thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal  
92 decennial census or more, not more than fourteen (14) days per  
93 year.

94           (3) Commissioners of election shall claim the per diem  
95 authorized in this section in the manner provided for in Section  
96 23-15-153(6).

97           (4) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,  
98 2009.

99           **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
100 amended as follows:

101           23-15-153. (1) At the following times the commissioners of  
102 election shall meet at the office of the registrar and carefully  
103 revise the registration books and the pollbooks of the several  
104 voting precincts, and shall erase from those books the names of  
105 all persons erroneously on the books, or who have died, removed or  
106 become disqualified as electors from any cause; and shall register

107 the names of all persons who have duly applied to be registered  
108 and have been illegally denied registration:

109 (a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January  
110 1987 and every following year;

111 (b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately  
112 preceding the first primary election for congressmen in the years  
113 when congressmen are elected;

114 (c) On the first Monday in the month immediately  
115 preceding the first primary election for state, state district  
116 legislative, county and county district offices in the years in  
117 which those offices are elected; and

118 (d) On the second Monday of September preceding the  
119 general election or regular special election day in years in which  
120 a general election is not conducted.

121 Except for the names of those persons who are duly qualified  
122 to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain on  
123 the registration books and pollbooks; however, no name shall be  
124 erased from the registration books or pollbooks based on a change  
125 in the residence of an elector except in accordance with  
126 procedures provided for by the National Voter Registration Act of  
127 1993 that are in effect at the time of such erasure. Except as  
128 otherwise provided by Section 23-15-573, no person shall vote at  
129 any election whose name is not on the pollbook.

130 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section,  
131 and subject to the following annual limitations, the commissioners  
132 of election shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount  
133 of Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00), to be paid from the county  
134 general fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5)  
135 hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in  
136 the performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or  
137 actually employed in the performance of their duties for the  
138 necessary time spent in the revision of the registration books and  
139 pollbooks as required in subsection (1) of this section:

140           (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand  
141 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
142 census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than  
143 fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
144 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

145           (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)  
146 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
147 less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the  
148 latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75)  
149 days per year, with no more than twenty-five (25) additional days  
150 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)  
151 occurring in any calendar year;

152           (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)  
153 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
154 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the  
155 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100)  
156 days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days  
157 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)  
158 occurring in any calendar year;

159           (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)  
160 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
161 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the  
162 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred  
163 twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45)  
164 additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess  
165 of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

166           (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)  
167 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
168 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents  
169 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
170 one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than  
171 fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
172 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

173           (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand  
174 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
175 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents  
176 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
177 one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than  
178 sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
179 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

180           (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)  
181 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
182 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents  
183 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
184 one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than  
185 seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
186 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

187           (h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand  
188 (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
189 census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)  
190 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not  
191 more than two hundred fifteen (215) days per year, with no more  
192 than eighty-five (85) additional days allowed for the conduct of  
193 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

194           (i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand  
195 (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
196 census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000)  
197 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not  
198 more than two hundred thirty (230) days per year, with no more  
199 than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of  
200 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

201           (j) In counties having two hundred seventy-five  
202 thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal  
203 decennial census or more, not more than two hundred forty (240)  
204 days per year, with no more than one hundred five (105) additional

205 days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)  
206 occurring in any calendar year.

207 (3) The commissioners of election shall be entitled to  
208 receive a per diem in the amount of Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00),  
209 to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed ten (10)  
210 days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours  
211 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the  
212 performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the  
213 revision of the registration books and pollbooks prior to any  
214 special election. For purposes of this subsection, the regular  
215 special election day shall not be considered a special election.  
216 The annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section  
217 shall not apply to this subsection.

218 (4) The commissioners of election shall be entitled to  
219 receive only one (1) per diem payment for those days when the  
220 commissioners of election discharge more than one (1) duty or  
221 responsibility on the same day.

222 (5) The county registrar shall prepare the pollbooks and the  
223 county commissioners of election shall prepare the registration  
224 books of each municipality located within the county pursuant to  
225 an agreement between the county and each municipality in the  
226 county. The county commissioners of election and the county  
227 registrar shall be paid by each municipality for the actual cost  
228 of preparing registration books and pollbooks for the municipality  
229 and shall pay each county commissioner of election a per diem in  
230 the amount provided for in subsection (2) of this section for each  
231 day or period of not less than five (5) hours accumulated over two  
232 (2) or more days the commissioners are actually employed in  
233 preparing the registration books for the municipality, not to  
234 exceed five (5) days. The county commissioners of election and  
235 county registrar shall provide copies of the registration books  
236 and pollbooks to the municipal clerk of each municipality in the  
237 county. The municipality shall pay the country registrar for

238 preparing and printing the pollbooks. A municipality may secure  
 239 "read only" access to the Statewide Centralized Voter System and  
 240 print its own pollbooks using this information; however, county  
 241 commissioners of election shall remain responsible for preparing  
 242 registration books for municipalities and shall be paid for this  
 243 duty in accordance with this subsection.

244 (6) Every commissioner of election shall sign personally a  
 245 certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked in  
 246 the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for  
 247 which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must  
 248 be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's  
 249 signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's  
 250 oath of office and under penalties of perjury.

251 The certification form shall be as follows:

252 **COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

253 **PER DIEM CLAIM FORM**

254 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 255 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 256 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

| 257 |        | PURPOSE   | APPLICABLE | ACTUAL | PER DIEM |
|-----|--------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|
| 258 | DATE   | BEGINNING | ENDING     | OF     | MS CODE  |
| 259 | WORKED | TIME      | TIME       | WORK   | SECTION  |
|     |        |           |            |        |          |
|     |        |           |            |        |          |
|     |        |           |            |        |          |
| 260 | _____  |           |            |        |          |
| 261 | _____  |           |            |        |          |
| 262 | _____  |           |            |        |          |

263 TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED \_\_\_\_\_  
 264 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X 84.00  
 265 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PER DIEM CLAIMED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

266 I understand that I am signing this document under my oath as  
 267 a commissioner of election and under penalties of perjury.

268 I understand that I am requesting payment from taxpayer funds  
 269 and that I have an obligation to be specific and truthful as to  
 270 the amount of hours worked and the compensation I am requesting.



271 Signed this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

272 \_\_\_\_\_

273 Commissioner's Signature

274 When properly completed and signed, the certification must be  
275 filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors before any  
276 payment may be made. The certification will be a public record  
277 available for inspection and reproduction immediately upon the  
278 oral or written request of any person.

279 Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in  
280 any respect by notifying the chairman of the commission, any  
281 member of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of  
282 supervisors of such contest at any time before or after payment is  
283 made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment  
284 shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is  
285 finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be  
286 entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of  
287 supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor  
288 compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents  
289 and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo  
290 to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be  
291 perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the  
292 commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of  
293 supervisors, as the case may be.

294 Any contestor who successfully contests any certification  
295 will be awarded all expenses incident to his contest, together  
296 with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded upon  
297 petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon final  
298 disposition of the contest before the election commission, board  
299 of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in case of  
300 an appeal, final disposition by the court. The commissioner  
301 against whom the contest is decided shall be liable for the  
302 payment of the expenses and attorney's fees, and the county shall  
303 be jointly and severally liable for same.

304       (7) Any commissioner of election who has not received a  
305 certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section  
306 23-15-211 indicating that the commissioner of election has  
307 received the required elections seminar instruction and that the  
308 commissioner of election is fully qualified to conduct an  
309 election, shall not receive any compensation authorized by this  
310 section, Section 1, House Bill No.\_\_\_\_\_, 2006 Regular Session, or  
311 Section 23-15-239.

312       **SECTION 3.** Section 23-15-211, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
313 amended as follows:

314       23-15-211. (1) There shall be a State Board of Election  
315 Commissioners to consist of the Governor, the Secretary of State  
316 and the Attorney General, any two (2) of whom may perform the  
317 duties required of the board; a board of election commissioners in  
318 each county to consist of five (5) persons who are electors in the  
319 county in which they are to act; and a registrar in each county  
320 who shall be the clerk of the circuit court, unless he shall be  
321 shown to be an improper person to register the names of the  
322 electors therein.

323       (2) The board of supervisors of each county shall pay  
324 members of the county election commission for attending training  
325 events a per diem in the amount provided in Section 23-15-153;  
326 however, except as otherwise provided in this section, the per  
327 diem shall not be paid to an election commissioner for more than  
328 twelve (12) days of training per year and shall only be paid to  
329 election commissioners who actually attend and complete a training  
330 event and obtain a training certificate.

331       (3) Included in this twelve (12) days shall be an elections  
332 seminar, conducted and sponsored by the Secretary of State.  
333 Election commissioners and chairpersons of each political party  
334 executive committee, or their designee, shall be required to  
335 attend.

336 (4) Each participant shall receive a certificate from the  
337 Secretary of State indicating that the named participant has  
338 received the elections training seminar instruction and that each  
339 participant is fully qualified to conduct an election.  
340 Commissioners of election shall annually file the certificate with  
341 the chancery clerk. If any commissioner of election shall fail to  
342 file the certificate by April 30 of each year, his office shall be  
343 vacated, absent exigent circumstances as determined by the board  
344 of supervisors and consistent with the facts. The vacancy shall  
345 be declared by the board of supervisors and the vacancy shall be  
346 filled in the manner described by law. Prior to declaring the  
347 office vacant, the board of supervisors shall give the election  
348 commissioner notice and the opportunity for a hearing.

349 (5) The Secretary of State may authorize not more than eight  
350 (8) additional training days per year for commissioners of  
351 election. The board of supervisors of each county shall pay  
352 members of the county election commission for attending training  
353 on these days a per diem in the amount provided in Section  
354 23-15-153.

355 (6) The Secretary of State shall develop a single,  
356 comprehensive poll worker training program to assist local  
357 election officials in providing uniform, secure elections  
358 throughout the state. The program shall include, at a minimum,  
359 training on all state and federal election laws and procedures.

360 **SECTION 4.** Section 23-15-239, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
361 amended as follows:

362 23-15-239. (1) The executive committee of each county, in  
363 the case of a primary election, or the commissioners of election  
364 of each county, in the case of all other elections, in conjunction  
365 with the circuit clerk, shall sponsor and conduct, not less than  
366 five (5) days prior to each election, training sessions to  
367 instruct managers as to their duties in the proper administration  
368 of the election and the operation of the polling place. No

369 manager shall serve in any election unless he has received such  
370 instructions once during the twelve (12) months immediately  
371 preceding the date upon which such election is held; \* \* \*  
372 however, \* \* \* nothing in this section shall prevent the  
373 appointment of an alternate manager to fill a vacancy in case of  
374 an emergency. The county executive committee or the commissioners  
375 of election, as appropriate, shall train a sufficient number of  
376 alternates to serve in the event a manager is unable to serve for  
377 any reason.

378 (2) (a) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
379 county executive committee may enter into a written agreement with  
380 the circuit clerk or the county election commission authorizing  
381 the circuit clerk or the county election commission to perform any  
382 of the duties required of the county executive committee pursuant  
383 to this section. Any agreement entered into pursuant to this  
384 subsection shall be signed by the chairman of the county executive  
385 committee and the circuit clerk or the chairman of the county  
386 election commission, as appropriate. The county executive  
387 committee shall notify the State Executive Committee and the  
388 Secretary of State of the existence of such agreement.

389 (b) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
390 municipal executive committee may enter into a written agreement  
391 with the municipal clerk or the municipal election commission  
392 authorizing the municipal clerk or the municipal election  
393 commission to perform any of the duties required of the municipal  
394 executive committee pursuant to this section. Any agreement  
395 entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be signed by the  
396 chairman of the municipal executive committee and the municipal  
397 clerk or the chairman of the municipal election commission, as  
398 appropriate. The municipal executive committee shall notify the  
399 State Executive Committee and the Secretary of State of the  
400 existence of such agreement.

401           (3) The board of supervisors, in their discretion, may  
402       compensate managers who attend such training sessions. The  
403       compensation shall be at a rate of not less than the federal  
404       hourly minimum wage nor more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per hour.  
405       Managers shall not be compensated for more than two (2) hours of  
406       attendance at the training sessions regardless of the actual  
407       amount of time that they attended the training sessions.

408           (4) The time and location of the training sessions required  
409       pursuant to this section shall be announced to the general public  
410       by posting a notice thereof at the courthouse and by delivering a  
411       copy of the notice to the office of a newspaper having general  
412       circulation in the county five (5) days before the date upon which  
413       the training session is to be conducted. Persons who will serve  
414       as poll watchers for candidates and political parties, as well as  
415       members of the general public, shall be allowed to attend the  
416       sessions.

417           (5) Subject to the following annual limitations, the  
418       commissioners of election shall be entitled to receive a per diem  
419       in the amount of Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00), to be paid from the  
420       county general fund, for every day or period of no less than five  
421       (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed  
422       in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in  
423       conducting training sessions as required by this section:

424           (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand  
425       (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
426       census, not more than five (5) days per year;

427           (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)  
428       residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
429       less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the  
430       latest federal decennial census, not more than eight (8) days per  
431       year;

432           (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)  
433       residents according to the latest federal decennial census but

434 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the  
435 latest federal decennial census, not more than ten (10) days per  
436 year;

437 (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)  
438 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
439 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the  
440 latest federal decennial census, not more than twelve (12) days  
441 per year;

442 (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)  
443 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
444 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents  
445 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
446 fifteen (15) days per year;

447 (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand  
448 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
449 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents  
450 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
451 eighteen (18) days per year;

452 (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)  
453 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
454 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents  
455 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
456 nineteen (19) days per year;

457 (h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand  
458 (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
459 census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)  
460 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not  
461 more than twenty-two (22) days per year;

462 (i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand  
463 (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
464 census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000)  
465 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not  
466 more than thirteen (13) days per year;

467           (j) In counties having two hundred seventy-five  
468 thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal  
469 decennial census or more, not more than fourteen (14) days per  
470 year.

471           (6) Commissioners of election shall claim the per diem  
472 authorized in subsection (5) of this section in the manner  
473 provided for in Section 23-15-153(6).

474           **SECTION 5.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
475 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
476 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
477 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
478 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
479 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
480 extended.

481           **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
482 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
483 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.