

By: Representative Bailey

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1195

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-19-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO RESTORE VOTING RIGHTS TO PERSONS WHO HAVE SERVED IN AND BEEN  
3 HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 99-19-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 99-19-37. (1) Any person who has lost the right of suffrage  
9 by reason of conviction of crime and has not been pardoned  
10 therefrom, who \* \* \* served honorably in any branch of the Armed  
11 Forces of the United States \* \* \* and shall have received an  
12 honorable discharge, or release therefrom, shall by reason of such  
13 honorable service, have the full right of suffrage restored \* \* \*.  
14 \* \* \*

15 (2) In order to have restored, and to exercise, the right of  
16 franchise under the provisions of this section a person affected  
17 hereby shall have his discharge, or release, from the Armed Forces  
18 of the United States recorded in the office of the chancery clerk  
19 of the county in which such person desires to exercise the right  
20 of franchise and if such discharge, or release, appears to be an  
21 honorable discharge, or release, and shows such person to have  
22 served honorably, \* \* \* such person shall have the full right of  
23 suffrage restored as though an act had been passed by the  
24 Legislature in accordance with Section 253 of the Constitution of  
25 the State of Mississippi restoring the right of suffrage to such  
26 person.

27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
28 and after its passage.