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SENATE BILL NO. 2291

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: _____

| | | | PURPOSE | APPLICABLE | ACTUAL | PER DIEM |
|--------|-----------|--------|---------|------------|--------|----------|
| DATE | BEGINNING | ENDING | OF | MS CODE | HOURS | DAYS |
| WORKED | TIME | TIME | WORK | SECTION | WORKED | EARNED |

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, Senate 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.