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SENATE BILL NO. 2291
(As Sent to Governor)

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, UPON
19 APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL 8
20 PAID TRAINING DAYS IN ONE OR MORE COUNTIES; TO REQUIRE
21 COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION TO ANNUALLY FILE WITH THE CHANCERY CLERK
22 THE CERTIFICATE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE INDICATING THAT THE
23 COMMISSIONER OF ELECTION HAS RECEIVED THE ELECTIONS TRAINING
24 SEMINAR INSTRUCTION AND THAT EACH PARTICIPANT IS FULLY QUALIFIED
25 TO CONDUCT AN ELECTION; TO PROVIDE THAT IF A COMMISSIONER OF
26 ELECTION FAILS TO FILE THE CERTIFICATE BY APRIL 30 OF EACH YEAR
27 HIS OFFICE SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY VACATED; TO AMEND SECTION
28 23-15-239, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONERS OF
29 ELECTION TO RECEIVE PER DIEM COMPENSATION FOR TIME SPENT
30 CONDUCTING TRAINING SESSIONS FOR POLL WORKERS PRIOR TO ELECTION;
31 TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR WHICH COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION
32 MAY BE COMPENSATED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

95 (3) Commissioners of election shall claim the per diem
96 authorized in this section in the manner provided for in Section
97 23-15-153(6).

98 (4) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
99 2009.

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

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

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

110 (a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January
111 1987 and every following year;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

252 The certification form shall be as follows:

253 **COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

254 **PER DIEM CLAIM FORM**

255 NAME: _____ COUNTY: _____
 256 ADDRESS: _____ DISTRICT: _____
 257 CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

258		PURPOSE	APPLICABLE	ACTUAL	PER DIEM
259	DATE	BEGINNING	ENDING	OF	MS CODE
260	WORKED	TIME	TIME	WORK	SECTION
261					
262					
263					
				HOURS	DAYS
				WORKED	EARNED

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

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

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

272 Signed this the _____ day of _____, ____.

273 _____

274 Commissioner's Signature

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

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

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

305 (7) Any commissioner of election who has not received a
306 certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section
307 23-15-211 indicating that the commissioner of election has
308 received the required elections seminar instruction and that the
309 commissioner of election is fully qualified to conduct an
310 election, shall not receive any compensation authorized by this
311 section, Section 1, Senate Bill No. 2291, 2006 Regular Session, or
312 Section 23-15-239.

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

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

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

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

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

350 (5) The Secretary of State, upon approval of the board of
351 supervisors, may authorize not more than eight (8) additional
352 training days per year for commissioners of election in one or
353 more counties. The board of supervisors of each county shall pay
354 members of the county election commission for attending training
355 on these days a per diem in the amount provided in Section
356 23-15-153.

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

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

364 23-15-239. (1) The executive committee of each county, in
365 the case of a primary election, or the commissioners of election
366 of each county, in the case of all other elections, in conjunction
367 with the circuit clerk, shall sponsor and conduct, not less than
368 five (5) days prior to each election, training sessions to
369 instruct managers as to their duties in the proper administration

370 of the election and the operation of the polling place. No
371 manager shall serve in any election unless he has received such
372 instructions once during the twelve (12) months immediately
373 preceding the date upon which such election is held; * * *
374 however, * * * nothing in this section shall prevent the
375 appointment of an alternate manager to fill a vacancy in case of
376 an emergency. The county executive committee or the commissioners
377 of election, as appropriate, shall train a sufficient number of
378 alternates to serve in the event a manager is unable to serve for
379 any reason.

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

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

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

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

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

426 (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand
427 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
428 census, not more than five (5) days per year;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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