

By: Representative Baker (74th)

To: Apportionment and Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 5

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM "BALLOT BOX" INCLUDES ANY  
2 "BALLOT BAG" USED FOR ANY PURPOSE THAT A "BALLOT BOX" MAY BE USED  
3 IN ELECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section  
6 23-15-3, Mississippi Code of 1972:

7 23-15-3. For purposes of this chapter, the term "ballot box"  
8 includes any "ballot bag" used to carry ballots to and from a  
9 polling place, is distributed by an election commissioner to a  
10 voting precinct, is delivered to the circuit clerk for  
11 preservation after an election, that encloses blank ballot  
12 receipts, in which ballot cards and absentee ballot envelopes are  
13 deposited, inspected before an election, and any "ballot bag" used  
14 for any other purpose for which a "ballot box" may be used under  
15 the provisions of law regulating elections in Mississippi.

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

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

