

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

**MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:**

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2829: Ballot box; include "ballot bag" in definition of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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 or container of a type that has been  
9 approved for use in elections by the Secretary of State. Such  
10 ballot bags or containers may be used for any purpose for which a  
11 ballot box may be used under the provisions of law regulating  
12 elections in Mississippi or any other purpose authorized by the  
13 rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary of State. The  
14 Secretary of State shall approve a ballot bag to be used as  
15 provided in this section by December 31, 2007. Any changes to the  
16 ballot bag by the Secretary of State after December 31, 2007,  
17 shall be approved by the Legislature.

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

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1           AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM "BALLOT BOX" INCLUDES ANY  
2 "BALLOT BAGS" OR CONTAINERS APPROVED FOR USE IN ELECTIONS BY THE  
3 SECRETARY OF STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)  
Burton

X (SIGNED)  
Lee (35th)

X (SIGNED)  
Turner

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Reynolds

X (SIGNED)  
Smith (27th)

X (SIGNED)  
Gibbs