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MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
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By: Representative Snowden

HOUSE BILL NO. 1457

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN AN AMENDMENT TO THE MISSISSIPPI
CONSTITUTION OF 1890 IS PROPOSED UNDER THE STATE VOTER INITIATIVE
PROCEDURE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL, MAY MAKE CERTAIN NONSUBSTANTIVE CLERICAL OR
TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN THE SECTION NUMBER REFERENCE OR
DESIGNATION OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; AND FOR
RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. When an amendment to the Mississippi Constitution
of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the state under
the voter initiative procedure set forth in Section 23-17-1, et
seq., the Secretary of State, with the approval of the Attorney
General, may make a nonsubstantive clerical or technical
correction in the section number reference or designation of the
proposed amendment contained in an initiative measure, as may be
appropriate or necessary in order to prevent the use of an
existing section number or the possibility of the initiative being
declared invalid only because of an error in the section number
designation. Such a correction may be made at any time after the
Attorney General's certificate of review with regard to the
initiative measure has been issued, and before the ballot for the
initiative measure is printed. The provisions of this section do
not authorize the Secretary of State to make any change other than
a nonsubstantive correction in the section number reference or
designation of the proposed amendment contained in the initiative
measure.

SECTION 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this act shall be
codified in Chapter 17, Title 23, Mississippi Code of 1972.
SECTION 3. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.