

By: Representative Snowden

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 1457

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

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

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

27 **SECTION 2.** The provisions of Section 1 of this act shall be
28 codified in Chapter 17, Title 23, Mississippi Code of 1972.



29 **SECTION 3.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
30 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
31 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
32 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
33 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
34 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
35 extended.

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

