

By: Representative Hines

To: Education;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 277

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL TO INCLUDE WITHIN
2 ITS UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CLASS NOT LESS THAN ONE-HALF HOUR OF
3 VOTER EDUCATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** In addition to the curriculum otherwise required
6 by law or by the State Board of Education to be taught in the
7 public schools of this state, each public high school shall
8 include not less than one-half (1/2) hour of voter education as a
9 component of the school's United States government class. The
10 voter education component of United States government required
11 under this section must include, but not necessarily be limited
12 to, instruction in the following:

- 13 (a) Voter registration;
- 14 (b) Voting by electronic voting machine;
- 15 (c) The office of election commissioner and the duties
16 performed by election commissioners;
- 17 (d) Certification of election returns by the Secretary
18 of State; and



19 (e) Any other issues related to the process of voting
20 that the State Department of Education may require.

21 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a
22 separate code section in Chapter 13, Title 37, Mississippi Code of
23 1972.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2014.

