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To: Constitution;
Apportionment and Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1027

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS OTHERWISE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR AND
3 HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF VOTE FRAUD OR OF ANY CRIME LISTED IN SECTION
4 241, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT
5 TO VOTE SUSPENDED UPON CONVICTION BUT SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT
6 TO VOTE AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED ONCE HE OR SHE HAS SATISFIED ALL OF
7 THE SENTENCING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONVICTION UNLESS THE PERSON
8 COMMITTED MURDER, RAPE OR STATUTORY RAPE; TO AMEND SECTIONS
9 23-15-19, 23-15-125, 23-15-151, 23-15-153 AND 23-15-165,
10 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; TO
11 BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 97-39-3 AND 99-19-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
12 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED
13 PURPOSES.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
16 amended as follows:

17 23-15-11. (1) Every inhabitant of this state, except
18 persons adjudicated to be non compos mentis, shall be a qualified
19 elector in and for the county, municipality and voting precinct of
20 his or her residence and shall be entitled to vote at any election
21 upon compliance with Section 23-15-563, if he or she:

22 (a) * * * Is a citizen of the United States of
23 America * * *;



24 (b) Is eighteen (18) years old and upwards * * *;

25 (c) * * * Has resided in this state for thirty (30)
26 days and for thirty (30) days in the county in which he or she
27 seeks to vote, and for thirty (30) days in the incorporated
28 municipality in which he or she seeks to vote * * *;

29 (d) * * * Has been duly registered as an elector under
30 Section 23-15-33 * * *; and

31 (e) * * * Has never been convicted of vote fraud or of
32 any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of
33 1890 * * *.

34 (2) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector under the
35 provisions of subsection (1) and has been convicted of vote fraud
36 or of any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of
37 1890, shall have his or her right to vote suspended upon
38 conviction but shall have his or her right to vote automatically
39 restored once he or she has satisfied all of the sentencing
40 requirements of the conviction. However, if the person was
41 convicted of murder, rape or statutory rape, he or she shall not
42 have his or her right to vote automatically restored once he or
43 she has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the
44 conviction. Such person must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote of
45 both houses, of all members elected, to have his or her right to
46 vote restored.

47 (3) Any person who will be eighteen (18) years of age or
48 older on or before the date of the general election and who is



duly registered to vote not less than thirty (30) days before the primary election associated with the general election, may vote in the primary election even though the person has not reached his or her eighteenth birthday at the time that the person seeks to vote at the primary election.

(4) No others than those specified in this section shall be entitled, or shall be allowed, to vote at any election.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-19. Except as otherwise provided in Section 23-15-11(2), any person who has been convicted of vote fraud or any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, such crimes defined as "disenfranchising," shall * * * have his or her right to vote suspended upon conviction but shall have his or her right to vote automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Except as otherwise provided in Section 23-15-11(2), whenever any person shall be convicted in the circuit court of his or her county of a disenfranchising crime, the county registrar shall thereupon remove his or her name from the Statewide Elections Management System * * * until he or she has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Except as otherwise provided in Section 23-15-11(2), whenever any person shall be convicted of a disenfranchising crime in any other court of any county, the presiding judge of the court shall, on demand, certify



74 the fact in writing to the registrar of the county in which the
75 voter resides, who shall * * * remove the name of the person from
76 the Statewide Elections Management System and retain the
77 certificate as a record of his or her office until he or she has
78 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction.

79 **SECTION 3.** Section 23-15-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
80 amended as follows:

81 23-15-125. The pollbook of each voting precinct shall
82 designate the voting precinct for which it is to be used, and
83 shall be ruled in appropriate columns, with printed or written
84 headings, as follows: date of registration; voter registration
85 number; name of electors; date of birth; and a number of blank
86 columns for the dates of elections. All qualified applicants who
87 register with the registrar shall be entered in the Statewide
88 Elections Management System. Only the names of those qualified
89 applicants who register within thirty (30) days before an election
90 shall appear on the pollbooks of the election; however, if the
91 thirtieth day to register before an election falls on a Sunday or
92 legal holiday, the registration applications submitted on the
93 business day immediately following the legal holiday shall be
94 accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections Management System
95 for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in the next election.
96 When county election commissioners determine that any elector is
97 disqualified from voting, by reason of death, conviction of a
98 disenfranchising crime, removal from the jurisdiction, or other



99 legal cause, that fact shall be noted in the Statewide Elections
100 Management System and the voter's name shall be removed from the
101 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and
102 the county's pollbooks. Nothing in this section shall preclude
103 the use of electronic pollbooks. Except as otherwise provided in
104 Section 23-15-11(2), a person who is otherwise a qualified elector
105 under the provisions of Section 23-15-11 and has been convicted of
106 vote fraud or of any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi
107 Constitution of 1890, shall have his or her right to vote
108 suspended upon conviction but shall have his or her right to vote
109 automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of the
110 sentencing requirements of the conviction. Once the person has
111 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements, the voter's name
112 shall be automatically restored into the Statewide Elections
113 Management System, the state's voter roll and the county's
114 pollbooks.

115 **SECTION 4.** Section 23-15-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
116 amended as follows:

117 23-15-151. The circuit clerk of each county is authorized
118 and directed to prepare and keep in his or her office a full and
119 complete list, in alphabetical order, of persons convicted of
120 voter fraud or of any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi
121 Constitution of 1890. A certified copy of any enrollment by one
122 clerk to another will be sufficient authority for the enrollment
123 of the name, or names, in another county. A list of persons



convicted of voter fraud, any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or any crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney General opinions, shall also be entered into the Statewide Elections Management System on a quarterly basis. * * * Except as otherwise provided in Section 23-15-11(2), a person who is otherwise a qualified elector under the provisions of Section 23-15-11 and has been convicted of vote fraud or of any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or of any crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney General opinions, shall have his or her right to vote suspended upon conviction but shall have his or her right to vote automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Once the person has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction, the voter's name shall be automatically restored into the Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and the county's pollbooks.

SECTION 5. Section 23-15-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-153. (1) At least during the following times, the election commissioners shall meet at the office of the registrar or the office of the election commissioners to carefully revise the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System and remove from the roll the names of all voters who have requested to be purged from the voter



roll, died, received an adjudication of non compos mentis, been convicted of a disenfranchising crime and had his or her right to vote suspended, or otherwise become disqualified as electors for any cause, and shall register the names of all persons who have duly applied to be registered but have been illegally denied registration:

(a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January 1987 and every following year;

(b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately preceding the first primary election for members of Congress in the years when members of Congress are elected;

(c) On the first Monday in the month immediately preceding the first primary election for state, state district legislative, county and county district offices in the years in which those offices are elected; and

(d) On the second Monday of September preceding the general election or regular special election day in years in which a general election is not conducted.

Except for the names of those voters who are duly qualified to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain in the Statewide Elections Management System; however, no name shall be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System based on a change in the residence of an elector except in accordance with procedures provided for by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. Except as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-573, no



person shall vote at any election whose name is not in the county voter roll electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System.

(2) Except as provided in this section, and subject to the following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in subsection (1) of this section:

(a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75) days per year, with no more than twenty-five (25) additional days



198 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
199 occurring in any calendar year;

200 (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)
201 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
202 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the
203 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100)
204 days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days
205 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
206 occurring in any calendar year;

207 (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)
208 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
209 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the
210 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred
211 twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45)
212 additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess
213 of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

214 (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)
215 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
216 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents
217 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than
218 one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than
219 fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
220 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

221 (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand
222 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial



census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than two hundred fifteen (215) days per year, with no more than eighty-five (85) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than two hundred thirty (230) days per year, with no more



247 than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of
248 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

249 (j) In counties having two hundred seventy-five
250 thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal
251 decennial census or more, not more than two hundred forty (240)
252 days per year, with no more than one hundred five (105) additional
253 days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
254 occurring in any calendar year.

255 (3) In addition to the number of days authorized in
256 subsection (2) of this section, the board of supervisors of a
257 county may authorize, in its discretion, the election
258 commissioners to receive a per diem in the amount provided for in
259 subsection (2) of this section, to be paid from the county general
260 fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours
261 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the
262 performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or
263 actually employed in the performance of their duties for the
264 necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as
265 electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management
266 System as required in subsection (1) of this section, * * * not to
267 exceed five (5) days.

268 (4) (a) The election commissioners shall be entitled to
269 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00),
270 to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed ten (10)
271 days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours



272 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the
273 performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the
274 revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by
275 the Statewide Elections Management System before any special
276 election. For purposes of this paragraph, the regular special
277 election day shall not be considered a special election. The
278 annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section
279 shall not apply to this paragraph.

280 (b) The election commissioners shall be entitled to
281 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars
282 (\$150.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for the
283 performance of their duties on the day of any general or special
284 election. The annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of
285 this section shall apply to this paragraph.

286 (5) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive
287 a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), to be
288 paid from the county general fund, not to exceed fourteen (14)
289 days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours
290 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the
291 performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the
292 revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by
293 the Statewide Elections Management System and in the conduct of a
294 runoff election following either a general or special election.

295 (6) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive
296 only one (1) per diem payment for those days when the election



commissioners discharge more than one (1) duty or responsibility on the same day.

(7) In preparation for a municipal primary, runoff, general or special election, the county registrar shall generate and distribute the master voter roll and pollbooks from the Statewide Elections Management System for the municipality located within the county. The municipality shall pay the county registrar for the actual cost of preparing and printing the municipal master voter roll pollbooks. A municipality may secure "read only" access to the Statewide Elections Management System and print its own pollbooks using this information.

(8) County election commissioners who perform the duties of an executive committee with regard to the conduct of a primary election under a written agreement authorized by law to be entered into with an executive committee shall receive per diem as provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The days that county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of a primary election shall be treated the same as days county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of other elections.

(9) In addition to any per diem authorized by this section, any election commissioner shall be entitled to the mileage reimbursement rate allowable to federal employees for the use of a privately owned vehicle while on official travel on election day.

(10) Every election commissioner shall sign personally a certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked in



322 the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for
323 which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must
324 be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's
325 signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's
326 oath of office and under penalties of perjury.

327 The certification form shall be as follows:

328 **COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

329 **PER DIEM CLAIM FORM**

330 NAME: _____ COUNTY: _____

331 ADDRESS: _____ DISTRICT: _____

332 CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

333		PURPOSE	APPLICABLE	ACTUAL	PER DIEM		
334	DATE	BEGINNING	ENDING	OF	MS CODE	HOURS	DAYS
335	WORKED	TIME	TIME	WORK	SECTION	WORKED	EARNED

336 _____
337 _____
338 _____

339 TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

340 EXCLUDING ELECTION DAYS _____

341 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$100.00

342 TOTAL NUMBER PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

343 FOR ELECTION DAYS _____

344 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$150.00

345 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PER DIEM CLAIMED \$ _____



I understand that I am signing this document under my oath as an election commissioner and under penalties of perjury.

I understand that I am requesting payment from taxpayer funds and that I have an obligation to be specific and truthful as to the amount of hours worked and the compensation I am requesting.

Signed this the _____ day of _____, ____.

Commissioner's Signature

When properly completed and signed, the certification must be filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors before any payment may be made. The certification will be a public record available for inspection and reproduction immediately upon the oral or written request of any person.

Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in any respect by notifying the chair of the commission, any member of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of supervisors of the contest at any time before or after payment is made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be



perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of supervisors, as the case may be.

Any contestor who successfully contests any certification will be awarded all expenses incident to his or her contest, together with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded upon petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon final disposition of the contest before the election commission, board of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in case of an appeal, final disposition by the court. The commissioner against whom the contest is decided shall be liable for the payment of the expenses and attorney's fees, and the county shall be jointly and severally liable for same.

(11) Any election commissioner who has not received a certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 23-15-211 indicating that the election commissioner has received the required elections seminar instruction and that the election commissioner is fully qualified to conduct an election, shall not receive any compensation authorized by this section or Section 23-15-239.

SECTION 6. Section 23-15-165, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-165. (1) The Office of the Secretary of State, in cooperation with the county registrars and election commissioners, shall procure, implement and maintain an electronic information



396 processing system and programs capable of maintaining a
397 centralized database of all registered voters in the state. The
398 system shall encompass software and hardware, at both the state
399 and county level, software development training, conversion and
400 support and maintenance for the system. This system shall be
401 known as the "Statewide Elections Management System" and shall
402 constitute the official record of registered voters in every
403 county of the state.

404 (2) The Office of the Secretary of State shall develop and
405 implement the Statewide Elections Management System so that the
406 registrar and election commissioners of each county shall:

407 (a) Verify that an applicant that is registering to
408 vote in that county is not registered to vote in another county;

409 (b) Be notified automatically that a registered voter
410 in its county has registered to vote in another county;

411 (c) Receive regular reports of death, changes of
412 address and convictions for disenfranchising crimes, which cause a
413 voter to have his or her right to vote suspended, that apply to
414 voters registered in the county; * * *

415 (d) Except as otherwise provided in Section
416 23-15-11(2), receive regular reports of voters who have satisfied
417 all of the sentencing requirements of his or her conviction and
418 automatically restore the voter's name into the Statewide
419 Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and the
420 county's pollbooks; and



421 (* * *e) Retain all present functionality related to,
422 but not limited to, the use of voter roll data and to implement
423 such other functionality as the law requires to enhance the
424 maintenance of accurate county voter records and related jury
425 selection and redistricting programs.

426 (3) As a part of the procurement and implementation of the
427 system, the Office of the Secretary of State shall, with the
428 assistance of the advisory committee, procure services necessary
429 to convert current voter registration records in the counties into
430 a standard, industry accepted file format that can be used on the
431 Statewide Elections Management System. Thereafter, all official
432 voter information shall be maintained on the Statewide Elections
433 Management System. The standard industry accepted format of data
434 was reviewed and approved by a majority of the advisory committee
435 created in subsection (5) of this section after consultation with
436 the Circuit Clerks Association and the format may not be changed
437 without consulting the Circuit Clerks Association.

438 (4) The Secretary of State may, with the assistance of the
439 advisory committee, adopt rules and regulations necessary to
440 administer the Statewide Elections Management System. The rules
441 and regulations shall at least:

442 (a) Provide for the establishment and maintenance of a
443 centralized database for all voter registration information in the
444 state;



445 (b) Provide procedures for integrating data into the
446 centralized database;

447 (c) Provide security to ensure that only the registrar,
448 or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law
449 may require, can add information to, delete information from and
450 modify information in the system;

451 (d) Provide the registrar or his or her designee or
452 other appropriate official, as the law may require, access to the
453 system at all times, including the ability to download copies of
454 the industry standard file, for all purposes related to their
455 official duties, including, but not limited to, exclusive access
456 for the purpose of printing all local pollbooks;

457 (e) Provide security and protection of all information
458 in the system and monitor the system to ensure that unauthorized
459 access is not allowed;

460 (f) Provide a procedure that will allow the registrar,
461 or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law
462 may require, to identify the precinct to which a voter should be
463 assigned; and

464 (g) Provide a procedure for phasing in or converting
465 existing manual and computerized voter registration systems in
466 counties to the Statewide Elections Management System.

467 (5) The Secretary of State established an advisory committee
468 to assist in developing system specifications, procurement,
469 implementation and maintenance of the Statewide Elections



Management System. The committee included two (2) representatives from the Circuit Clerks Association, appointed by the association; two (2) representatives from the Election Commissioners Association of Mississippi, appointed by the association; one (1) member of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, or its staff, appointed by the association; the Director of the Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University, or his or her designee; the Executive Director of the Department of Information Technology Services, or his or her designee; two (2) persons knowledgeable about elections and information technology appointed by the Secretary of State; and the Secretary of State, who shall serve as the chair of the advisory committee.

(6) (a) Social security numbers, telephone numbers and date of birth and age information in statewide, district, county and municipal voter registration files shall be exempt from and shall not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

(b) Copies of statewide, district, county or municipal voter registration files, excluding social security numbers, telephone numbers and date of birth and age information, shall be provided to any person in accordance with the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 at a cost not to exceed the actual cost of production.

SECTION 7. Section 97-39-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:



495 97-39-3. If any person shall fight a duel, or give or accept
496 a challenge to fight a duel, or knowingly carry or deliver such
497 challenge or the acceptance thereof, or be second to either party
498 to any duel, whether such act be done in the state or out of it,
499 or who shall go out of the state to fight a duel, or to assist in
500 the same as second, or to send, accept, or carry a challenge,
501 shall be disqualified from holding any office, be disenfranchised,
502 and incapable of holding or being elected to any post of honor,
503 profit or emolument, civil or military, under the constitution and
504 laws of this state; and the appointment of any such person to
505 office, as also all votes given to any such person, are illegal,
506 and none of the votes given to such person for any office shall be
507 taken or counted.

508 **SECTION 8.** Section 99-19-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
509 brought forward as follows:

510 99-19-37. (1) Any person who has lost the right of suffrage
511 by reason of conviction of crime and has not been pardoned
512 therefrom, who thereafter served honorably in any branch of the
513 Armed Forces of the United States during the periods of World War
514 I or World War II as hereinafter defined and shall have received
515 an honorable discharge, or release therefrom, shall by reason of
516 such honorable service, have the full right of suffrage restored,
517 provided, however, this does not apply to any one having an
518 unfinished or suspended sentence.



519 (2) For the purposes of this section the period of World War
520 I shall be from April 6, 1917 to December 1, 1918, and the period
521 of World War II shall be from December 7, 1941 to December 31,
522 1946.

523 (3) In order to have restored, and to exercise, the right of
524 franchise under the provisions of this section a person affected
525 hereby shall have his discharge, or release, from the Armed Forces
526 of the United States recorded in the office of the chancery clerk
527 of the county in which such person desires to exercise the right
528 of franchise and if such discharge, or release, appears to be an
529 honorable discharge, or release, and shows such person to have
530 served honorably during either of the periods stated in subsection
531 (2) of this section such person shall have the full right of
532 suffrage restored as though an act had been passed by the
533 Legislature in accordance with Section 253 of the Constitution of
534 the State of Mississippi restoring the right of suffrage to such
535 person.

536 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
537 and after July 1, 2019.

