

By: Senator(s) Turner-Ford

To: Judiciary, Division B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2706

1 AN ACT TO RESTORE THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE TO JAMES GREGORY
2 BANANA, OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The right of suffrage is hereby fully and
5 completely restored to James Gregory Banana of Clay County,
6 Mississippi, who was disqualified as an elector as a result of his
7 convictions in 1987 and 1989 for forgery in Clay County,
8 Mississippi, and in 2007 for two (2) counts of the crime of
9 perjury in Lowndes County, Mississippi. He was sentenced on April
10 9, 1987, by the Circuit Court of Clay County, Mississippi, on the
11 charge of forgery to serve five (5) years suspended in the
12 Regimented Intensive Discipline program and was released to
13 probation on October 12, 1987; his probation was revoked on July
14 18, 1988, when he was sentenced by the Circuit Court of Clay
15 County, Mississippi, on two (2) counts of forgery to serve five
16 (5) years on each count. He was sentenced on October 12, 1989, by
17 the Circuit Court of Clay County, Mississippi, to serve a term of
18 fifteen (15) years for forgery, with the sentences to run



19 consecutively. He was sentenced on September 6, 2007, by the
20 Circuit Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, to serve eight (8)
21 years for two (2) counts of perjury in the custody of the
22 Mississippi Department of Corrections with sixteen (16) years to
23 serve and two (2) years of post-release supervision. He was
24 released from custody to parole on January 4, 2011. He was
25 released from parole to probation on May 29, 2017, and discharged
26 from probation on April 11, 2018. The Legislature is informed
27 that he has since conducted himself as a law-abiding and honorable
28 citizen in a good and lawful manner.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after its passage.

