

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill No. 2872**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

6           **SECTION 1.** Section 67-1-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:  
8           67-1-16. (1) (a) Before an area may be designated by the  
9 governing authorities of a municipality as an area in which  
10 facilities which are defined as qualified resort areas in Section  
11 67-1-5(o)(iii)5 may be located, an election shall be held, under  
12 the election laws applicable to the municipality, on the question  
13 of whether qualified resort areas shall be allowed in the  
14 municipality. An election to determine whether qualified resort  
15 areas shall be allowed in the municipality shall be ordered by the



16 municipal governing authorities, upon presentation to the  
17 governing authorities of a petition containing the names of at  
18 least twenty percent (20%) of the duly qualified voters of the  
19 municipality asking for the election. An election on the question  
20 may not be held by the municipality more often than once each  
21 year.

22 (b) Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the  
23 qualified electors of the municipality, in the manner prescribed  
24 by law, on the question of allowing qualified resort areas to be  
25 established. The notice shall contain a statement of the question  
26 to be voted on at the election. The ballots used in the election  
27 shall have the following words printed thereon: "FOR THE  
28 ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS," and next below, "AGAINST  
29 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS." In marking his  
30 ballot, the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the words of his  
31 choice.

32 (c) Qualified resort areas may be established if a  
33 majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote for  
34 such establishment. A qualified resort area may not be  
35 established if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the  
36 election vote against such establishment.

37 (2) (a) Before a municipality may be designated as a  
38 qualified resort area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)6, an  
39 election shall be held, under the election laws applicable to the  
40 municipality, on the question of whether the municipality shall be



41 a qualified resort area. An election to determine whether the  
42 municipality shall be a qualified resort area shall be ordered by  
43 the municipal governing authorities, upon presentation to the  
44 governing authorities of a petition containing the names of at  
45 least twenty percent (20%) of the duly qualified voters of the  
46 municipality asking for the election. An election on the question  
47 may not be held by the municipality more often than once each  
48 year.

49 (b) Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the  
50 qualified electors of the municipality, in the manner prescribed  
51 by law, on the question of allowing qualified resort areas to be  
52 established. The notice shall contain a statement of the question  
53 to be voted on at the election. The ballots used in the election  
54 shall have the following words printed thereon: "FOR THE  
55 ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA," and next below,  
56 "AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA." In  
57 marking his ballot, the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the  
58 words of his choice.

59 (c) The municipality may be established as a qualified  
60 resort area if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the  
61 election vote for such establishment. A qualified resort area may  
62 not be established if a majority of the qualified electors voting  
63 in the election vote against such establishment.

64 (3) (a) Before an area may be designated a qualified resort  
65 area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)7, an election shall be



66 held in the municipality in which the area is located under the  
67 election laws applicable to the municipality, on the question of  
68 whether the area shall be a qualified resort area. An election to  
69 determine whether the area shall be a qualified resort area shall  
70 be ordered by the municipal governing authorities, upon  
71 presentation to the governing authorities of a petition containing  
72 the names of at least twenty percent (20%) of the duly qualified  
73 voters of the municipality asking for the election. An election  
74 on the question may not be held by the municipality more often  
75 than once each year.

76 (b) Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the  
77 qualified electors of the municipality, in the manner prescribed  
78 by law, on the question of allowing qualified resort areas to be  
79 established. The notice shall contain a statement of the question  
80 to be voted on at the election. The ballots used in the election  
81 shall have the following words printed thereon: "FOR THE  
82 ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA," and next below,  
83 "AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA." In  
84 marking his ballot, the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the  
85 words of his choice.

86 (c) The area may be established as a qualified resort  
87 area if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the  
88 election vote for such establishment. A qualified resort area may  
89 not be established if a majority of the qualified electors voting  
90 in the election vote against such establishment.



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92 ( \* \* \*4) (a) Before a municipality may be designated as a  
93 qualified resort area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)21, an  
94 election shall be held, under the election laws applicable to the  
95 municipality, on the question of whether the municipality shall be  
96 a qualified resort area. An election to determine whether the  
97 municipality shall be a qualified resort area shall be ordered by  
98 the municipal governing authorities. An election on the question  
99 may not be held by the municipality more often than once each  
100 year.

101 (b) Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the  
102 qualified electors of the municipality, in the manner prescribed  
103 by law, on the question of allowing qualified resort areas to be  
104 established. The notice shall contain a statement of the question  
105 to be voted on at the election. The ballots used in the election  
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107 ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA," and next below,  
108 "AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA." In  
109 marking his ballot, the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the  
110 words of his choice.

111 (c) The municipality may be established as a qualified  
112 resort area if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the  
113 election vote for such establishment. A qualified resort area may  
114 not be established if a majority of the qualified electors voting  
115 in the election vote against such establishment.



116           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
117 and after July 1, 2021, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1           AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN ELECTION BE HELD BEFORE A CERTAIN  
3 AREA IN RANKIN COUNTY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 67-1-5, MAY BE  
4 DESIGNATED A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

