

By: Representative Bell (65th)

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1971

1 AN ACT TO RESTORE THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE TO DEBRA DENISE
2 THOMAS OF HINDS 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 Debra Thomas of Hinds County, Mississippi,
6 who was disqualified as an elector as a result of her conviction
7 for the crime of shoplifting in Warren County, on August 31, 1998,
8 for which she was sentenced to serve three (3) years suspended and
9 five (5) years probation under the supervision of the Mississippi
10 Department of Corrections. During her release to probation, she
11 violated probation and it was revoked. On May 25, 2000, as a
12 result of her conviction for the crime of shoplifting, she was
13 sentenced to serve three (3) years in the custody of the
14 Mississippi Department of Corrections.

15 She was released from custody on July 22, 2002. The
16 Legislature is informed that she has since conducted herself as a
17 law-abiding and honorable citizen in a good and lawful manner.



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

