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To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2915

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER,
2 2003, VOTERS MAY EXPRESS THEIR PREFERENCE REGARDING THE CONTINUED
3 USE OF THE CURRENT STATE FLAG OR THE ADOPTION OF THE STATE FLAG AS
4 IT EXISTED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI
5 CONSTITUTION OF 1890; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. (1) At the general election to be held in
8 November, 2003, there shall be printed on the ballot the
9 following:

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11 "For the continued use of the current state flag. ____

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13 For the adoption of the state flag as it existed immediately
14 prior to the adoption of the Mississippi Constitution of
15 1890. ____"

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17 The qualified electors may indicate their preference by
18 putting a cross (x) or check (b) mark opposite the words that
19 express their preference.

20 The preference of a majority of the qualified electors shall
21 be a mandate to the Legislature to take whatever steps are
22 necessary to follow such preference.

23 (2) The county election commissioners shall transmit to the
24 Secretary of State, in the same manner as the vote for state
25 officers is transmitted, a statement of the total number of votes
26 cast for each proposition. The Secretary of State shall tabulate
27 such returns and certify the results to the Governor and to each

28 house of the Legislature.

29 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
30 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
31 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
32 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
33 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
34 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
35 extended.

36 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
38 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.