

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Apportionment and
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 540

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 5-3-93, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE THE STANDING JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON
3 REAPPORTIONMENT TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR APPORTIONING THE HOUSE AND
4 SENATE NO LATER THAN FIFTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED
5 ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING THE DELIVERY OF THE
6 DECENNIAL CENSUS DATA TO THE STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 5-3-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 5-3-93. The members of the committee shall draw a plan to
11 apportion, according to constitutional standards, the membership
12 of the Mississippi Senate and the Mississippi House of
13 Representatives no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the
14 scheduled adjournment of the next regular session of the
15 legislature following the delivery of the 2000 decennial census
16 data to the state and every ten (10) years thereafter and at such
17 other times as they may be directed by joint resolution of the
18 Mississippi Legislature.

19 Provided, however, the committee shall not be required to
20 present a plan to the Legislature prior to four (4) months after
21 the publication of census data.

22 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
23 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
24 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
25 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
26 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
27 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
28 extended.

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