

By: Representative Guice

To: Apportionment and
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-895, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE CONDUCT OF CERTAIN
3 ACTIVITIES WITHIN 150 FEET OF A POLLING PLACE; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-895, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 23-15-895. It shall be unlawful for any candidate for an
9 elective office, or any representative of such candidate, or for
10 any proponent or opponent of any constitutional amendment, local
11 issue or other measure printed on the ballot to post or distribute
12 cards, posters or other campaign literature or for any person to
13 gather petition signatures or conduct any activity which is not
14 related to the official activities at the polling place within one
15 hundred fifty (150) feet of any entrance of the building wherein
16 any election is being held. It shall be unlawful for any
17 candidate or a representative named by him in writing to appear at
18 any polling place while armed or uniformed, nor shall he display
19 any badge or credentials except as may be issued by the manager of
20 the polling place. As used in this section, the term "local
21 issue" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section
22 23-15-375.

23 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
24 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
25 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
26 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
27 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the



28 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
29 extended.

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

