

By: Representative Fleming

To: Apportionment and Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 301

1 AN ACT TO REVISE THE TERMS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS
2 ELECTED IN 2003; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-193, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
3 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE GENERAL STATE
4 ELECTION SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE GENERAL
5 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN 2008 AND EVERY FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER; AND
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Those elected officials enumerated in Section
9 23-15-193 who are elected in the general election in 2003 shall
10 serve a term which shall expire upon election and qualification of
11 their successors at the general election in 2008. Thereafter, the
12 terms of such elected officials shall be as provided in Section
13 23-15-193.

14 **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-193, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
15 amended as follows:

16 23-15-193. At the election in 2008, and every four (4) years
17 thereafter, there shall be elected a Governor, Lieutenant
18 Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State
19 Treasurer, Attorney General, three (3) public service
20 commissioners, three (3) Mississippi Transportation Commissioners,
21 Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture and
22 Commerce, Senators and members of the House of Representatives in
23 the Legislature, district attorneys for the several districts,
24 clerks of the circuit and chancery courts of the several counties,
25 as well as sheriffs, coroners, assessors, surveyors and members of
26 the boards of supervisors, justice court judges and constables,
27 and all other officers to be elected by the people at the general
28 state election. All such officers shall hold their offices for a
29 term of four (4) years, and until their successors are elected and



30 qualified. The state officers shall be elected in the manner
31 prescribed in Section 140 of the Constitution.

32 **SECTION 3.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
33 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
34 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
35 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
36 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
37 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
38 extended.

39 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
41 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, provided that House
42 Concurrent Resolution No. _____, 2002 Regular Session, is ratified
43 by the electorate.

