

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Apportionment and
Elections

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1073

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-13-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR VOTING BY AN UNQUALIFIED PERSON; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-13-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 97-13-35. Any person who shall vote at any election, not
8 being legally qualified, or who shall vote in more than one (1)
9 county, or at more than one (1) place in any county or in any
10 city, town, or village entitled to separate representation, or who
11 shall vote out of the district of his legal domicile, or who shall
12 vote or attempt to vote in the primary election of one party when
13 he shall have voted on the same date in the primary election of
14 another party, shall be guilty of the crime of voting by an
15 unqualified person and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay
16 a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more
17 than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by imprisonment in the
18 county jail for no more than one (1) year, or by both fine and
19 imprisonment, or by being sentenced to the State Penitentiary for
20 not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years.

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



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

