

By: Representative Bowles

To: Constitution

HOUSE BILL NO. 436

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-369, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS WHICH REQUIRE AN EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF
3 THE CHIEF PURPOSE OF A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE
4 PRINTED ON THE ELECTION BALLOT WHENEVER THE LEGISLATURE PROPOSES A
5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-369, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 23-15-369. (1) (a) Whenever a constitutional amendment is
10 submitted to the vote of the people, the full text of such
11 amendment shall be printed * * * on the ballot after the list of
12 candidates, if any * * *.

13 (b) * * * The Secretary of State shall give each
14 proposed constitutional amendment a designating number for
15 convenient reference. This number designation shall appear on the
16 ballot. Designating numbers shall be assigned in the order of
17 filing or certification of the amendments. The Secretary of State
18 shall furnish the designating number and the text of each
19 amendment to the circuit clerk of each county in which such
20 amendment is to be voted on.

21 (c) The full text of each proposed constitutional
22 amendment shall be published by the Secretary of State as provided
23 for in Section 7-3-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be
24 posted prominently in all polling places, with copies of said
25 proposed amendment to be otherwise available at each polling
26 place.

27 (2) * * * Whenever any public measure, question or matter
28 that requires an affirmative or negative vote is submitted to a



29 vote of the electors, the measure or matter shall be printed on
30 the ballot and also the words "FOR" or "AGAINST" to be so arranged
31 by the proper officer so that the voter can intelligently vote his
32 preference.

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

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

