

By: Representative Flaggs

To: Apportionment and  
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1446

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-15-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 CLARIFY THAT MUNICIPALITIES, INCLUDING MUNICIPALITIES OPERATING  
3 UNDER A CHARTER CITY, CODE CHARTER OR SPECIAL CHARTER, SHALL NOT  
4 IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON ELECTIVE OFFICES; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-15-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 21-15-2. No municipality, including municipalities operating  
10 under a charter city, code charter or special charter, shall  
11 impose any additional requirements on holding any municipal  
12 elective office or receiving compensation for any elective office  
13 except as may be provided by law.

14 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
15 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
16 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
17 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
18 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
19 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
20 extended.

21 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
22 and after October 1, 2003, if it is effectuated on or before that  
23 date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended  
24 and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
25 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after October 1,  
26 2003, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after  
27 the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights  
28 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

