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To: Apportionment and  
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## HOUSE BILL NO. 621

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR TO VOTE IN THE OFFICE  
 2 OF THE REGISTRAR FOR ANY REASON WITHIN 30 DAYS BEFORE A PRIMARY OR  
 3 GENERAL ELECTION IN ANY STATE OR FEDERAL ELECTION, EXCLUDING  
 4 SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND ALL LEGAL HOLIDAYS; TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION  
 5 WHICH ALLOWS ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR TO VOTE IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
 6 REGISTRAR FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 NOON ON THE SATURDAY  
 7 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE THIRTIETH DAY PRIOR TO ANY REGULARLY  
 8 SCHEDULED PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) (a) Any qualified elector may vote in the  
 11 office of the registrar for any reason within thirty (30) days  
 12 before a primary or general election in any state or federal  
 13 election, excluding Saturday, Sunday and all legal holidays.

14 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this  
 15 section, any qualified elector may vote in the office of the  
 16 registrar from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on the Saturday  
 17 immediately preceding the thirtieth day prior to any regularly  
 18 scheduled primary or general election.

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

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