

By: Representative Mims

To: Apportionment and
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1216

1 AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 23-15-217, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 WHICH REQUIRES A COMMISSIONER OF ELECTION, WHO DESIRES TO BE A
3 CANDIDATE FOR ANY OTHER OFFICE, TO RESIGN BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF THE
4 YEAR IN WHICH HE DESIRES TO SEEK OFFICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-217, Mississippi Code of 1972,
7 which requires a commissioner of election, who desires to be a
8 candidate for any other office, to resign before January 1 of the
9 year in which he desires to seek office, is repealed.

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

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