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To: Judiciary B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1195

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-19-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO RESTORE VOTING RIGHTS TO PERSONS WHO HAVE SERVED IN AND BEEN  
3 HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 99-19-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 99-19-37. (1) Any person who has lost the right of suffrage  
9 by reason of a first conviction of a nonviolent crime and such  
10 person is not a public official who has been convicted of a crime  
11 involving corruption related to public office and such person has  
12 not been pardoned therefrom, who \* \* \* served honorably in any  
13 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States \* \* \* and shall  
14 have received an honorable discharge, or release therefrom, shall  
15 by reason of such honorable service, have the full right of  
16 suffrage restored \* \* \*.

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18 (2) In order to have restored, and to exercise, the right of  
19 franchise under the provisions of this section a person affected  
20 hereby shall have his discharge, or release, from the Armed Forces  
21 of the United States recorded in the office of the chancery clerk  
22 of the county in which such person desires to exercise the right  
23 of franchise and if such discharge, or release, appears to be an  
24 honorable discharge, or release, and shows such person to have  
25 served honorably, \* \* \* such person shall have the full right of  
26 suffrage restored as though an act had been passed by the  
27 Legislature in accordance with Section 253 of the Constitution of

28 the State of Mississippi restoring the right of suffrage to such  
29 person.

30         **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
31 and after its passage.