

By: Representatives Hines, Buck

To: County Affairs;
Apportionment and Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1328

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-211, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANNUAL PAID TRAINING DAYS FOR
3 COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-211, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 23-15-211. (1) There shall be a State Board of Election
8 Commissioners to consist of the Governor, the Secretary of State
9 and the Attorney General, any two (2) of whom may perform the
10 duties required of the board; a board of election commissioners in
11 each county to consist of five (5) persons who are electors in the
12 county in which they are to act; and a registrar in each county
13 who shall be the clerk of the circuit court, unless he shall be
14 shown to be an improper person to register the names of the
15 electors therein.

16 (2) The board of supervisors of each county shall pay
17 members of the county election commission for attending training
18 events a per diem in the amount provided in Section 23-15-153;
19 however, the per diem shall not be paid to an election
20 commissioner for more than sixteen (16) days of training per year
21 and shall only be paid to election commissioners who actually
22 attend and complete a training event and obtain a training
23 certificate.

24 (3) Included in this sixteen (16) days shall be an elections
25 seminar, conducted and sponsored by the Secretary of State.
26 Election commissioners and chairpersons of each political party

27 executive committee, or their designee, shall be required to
28 attend.

29 (4) Each participant shall receive a certificate from the
30 Secretary of State indicating that the named participant has
31 received the elections training seminar instruction and that each
32 participant is fully qualified to conduct an election.

33 (5) The Secretary of State shall develop a single,
34 comprehensive poll worker training program to assist local
35 election officials in providing uniform, secure elections
36 throughout the state. The program shall include, at a minimum,
37 training on all state and federal election laws and procedures.

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

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