

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Municipalities

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2170

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-3-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN CITIES OPERATING
3 UNDER A CODE CHARTER FORM OF GOVERNMENT MUST BE RESIDENTS OF THE
4 WARD THEY REPRESENT FOR A PERIOD OF SIX CONSECUTIVE MONTHS PRIOR
5 TO THE DATE OF THE ELECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-3-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 21-3-9. The mayor and members of the board of aldermen shall
10 be qualified electors of the municipality and, in addition:

11 (a) The aldermen elected from and by wards shall have
12 been residents of their respective wards for a period of six (6)
13 consecutive months prior to the date of the election; and

14 (b) The mayor shall have been a resident of the
15 municipality for a period of six (6) consecutive months prior to
16 the date of the election.

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

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