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AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill No. 969

BY: Representative Bailey

1 AMEND by striking Sections 6, 7 and 8 in their entirety and
2 by inserting the following new sections:
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4 SECTION 6. Section 23-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
5 amended as follows:
6 23-15-11. (1) Every inhabitant of this state, except idiots
7 and insane persons, who is a citizen of the United States of
8 America, eighteen (18) years old and upwards, who has resided in
9 this state for thirty (30) days and for thirty (30) days in the
10 county in which he offers to vote, and for thirty (30) days in the
11 incorporated city or town in which he offers to vote, and who
12 shall have been duly registered as an elector pursuant to Section
13 23-15-33, and who has never been convicted of any crime listed in
14 Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or any felony under
15 the laws of this state, another state or the United States from
16 and after July 1, 2008, shall be a qualified elector in and for
17 the county, municipality and voting precinct of his residence, and
18 shall be entitled to vote at any election. Any person who will be
19 eighteen (18) years of age or older on or before the date of the
20 general election and who is duly registered to vote not less than
21 thirty (30) days prior to the primary election associated with
22 such general election, may vote in such primary election even
23 though such person has not reached his or her eighteenth birthday
at the time such person offers to vote at such primary election. No others than those above included shall be entitled, or shall be
allowed, to vote at any election.

(2) (a) An individual convicted of any disqualifying crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or any felony under the laws of this state, another state or the United States, shall not be allowed to vote while incarcerated and for two (2) years after completion of all terms of the sentence and may have suffrage restored when all of the following conditions are met:

(i) That the individual has completed all terms and conditions imposed by the sentencing court, including the service of any period of incarceration, post-release supervision, probation or parole;

(ii) That the disqualifying conviction was the individual's first felony conviction as determined by the Mississippi Department of Corrections or the corresponding federal agency or agency of another state;

(iii) The felony conviction is not for murder or rape; and

(iv) That a period of two (2) years has elapsed since the satisfaction of all conditions imposed under this act and this paragraph, and the individual has not been convicted of any subsequent felony under the laws of Mississippi, any other state or in a federal court.

(b) When all the conditions in paragraph (a) are met, an individual shall be entitled to register to vote and to then vote in any election.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2008.