

**Adopted
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:

3 **SECTION 6.** Section 23-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
4 amended as follows:

5 23-15-11. (1) Every inhabitant of this state, except idiots
6 and insane persons, who is a citizen of the United States of
7 America, eighteen (18) years old and upwards, who has resided in
8 this state for thirty (30) days and for thirty (30) days in the
9 county in which he offers to vote, and for thirty (30) days in the
10 incorporated city or town in which he offers to vote, and who
11 shall have been duly registered as an elector pursuant to Section
12 23-15-33, and who has never been convicted of any crime listed in
13 Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or any felony under
14 the laws of this state, another state or the United States from
15 and after July 1, 2008, shall be a qualified elector in and for
16 the county, municipality and voting precinct of his residence, and
17 shall be entitled to vote at any election. Any person who will be
18 eighteen (18) years of age or older on or before the date of the
19 general election and who is duly registered to vote not less than
20 thirty (30) days prior to the primary election associated with
21 such general election, may vote in such primary election even
22 though such person has not reached his or her eighteenth birthday



23 at the time such person offers to vote at such primary election.
24 No others than those above included shall be entitled, or shall be
25 allowed, to vote at any election.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

