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“No ID?” Initiative sees Limited Response *Secretary Hosemann pushes Outreach Initiative*

Jackson, MS—The Secretary of State’s Office’s outreach initiative offering assistance to individuals with no acceptable forms of photo voter identification has received limited response in its first two weeks.

“We have inundated the State with outreach initiatives requesting these individuals contact our Office,” says Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann. “So far, only seventy-five (75) individuals have contacted our Office, and of those seventy-five (75), only thirty-five (35) had no form of identification.”

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Over 62% of Mississippi voters approved a constitutional initiative in the November 2011 General Election requiring voters to show photo identification at the polls. The requirement must now be approved by either the U.S. Department of Justice or the federal courts.

The Secretary of State's Office sent over 5,000 posters and over 10,000 postcards to locations across the State, asking individuals who may not have an acceptable form of photo voter identification to contact our Agency. A toll free hotline and website are available as well.

"We have sent materials to all 82 counties across the State encouraging people to contact us," adds Secretary Hosemann. "We are hoping this limited response is due to a limited number of individuals who do not have an acceptable form of voter identification."

By contacting the Secretary of State's Office, individuals who will need a free Mississippi voter ID card will be contacted as soon as the requirement is approved. Transportation assistance will also be provided at no charge.

Individuals who will need a free voter ID are encouraged to contact the Secretary of State's Office:

- **Toll-Free: 1-855-868-3745**
- **Website: www.MSVoterID.ms.gov**
- **Email: MSVoterID@sos.ms.gov**

Acceptable forms of identification include:

- A current and valid Mississippi driver's license;
- A current and valid ID card issued by a branch, department, agency or entity of the State of Mississippi;
- A current and valid United States passport;
- A current and valid employee ID card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the United States government, the State of Mississippi, or any county, municipality, board, authority or other entity of the State;
- A United States passport;
- A current and valid Mississippi firearms license to carry a pistol or revolver;
- A United States military I.D.;
- A valid tribal photo ID; or,
- A student photo ID issued by a Mississippi university, college, or community college.

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