

Nothing eery about voter ID

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Victor Cavett's letter ("Voter ID seems eerily familiar," June 15) states, "The law says that the 'Secretary of State shall negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding which shall be entered into by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and the registrar of each county for the purpose of providing a Mississippi Voter Identification Card."

This "Memorandum of Understanding" could itself function as a barrier to voter participation. Couldn't the details of this memo give the force of law to structural voting inhibitors?

Why isn't it, this memorandum, a matter of public record?

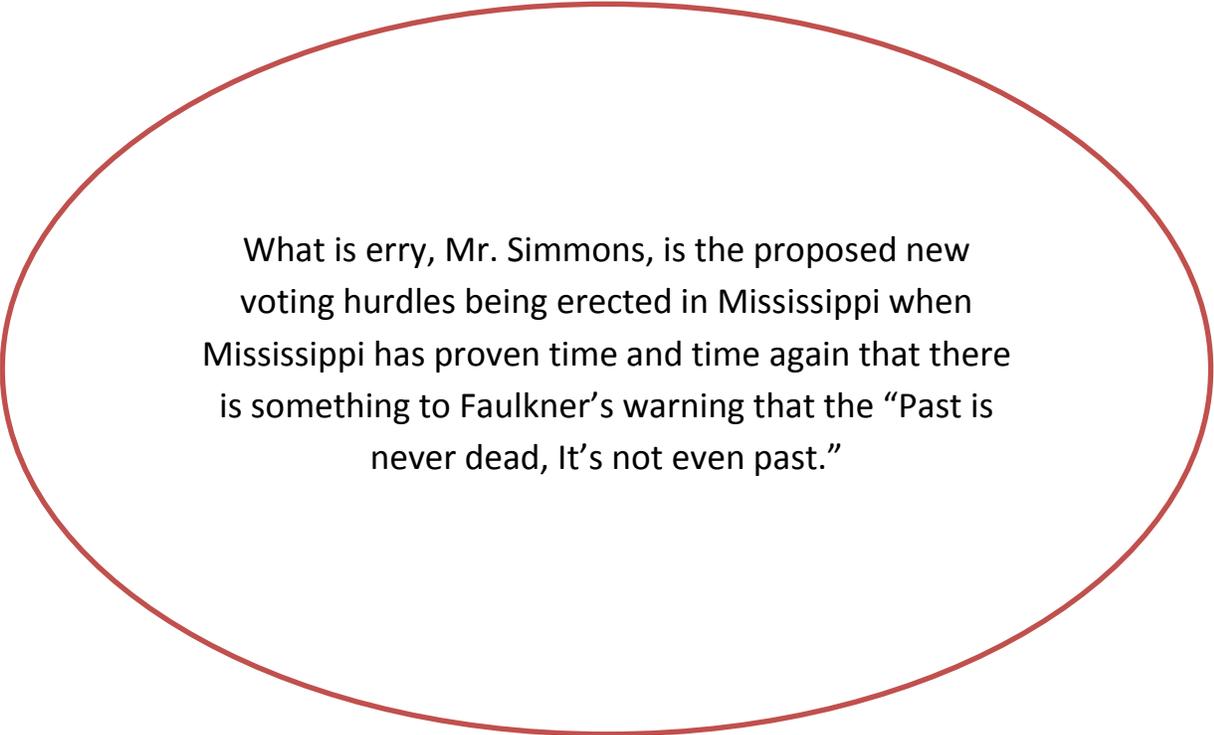
The law also says that the "Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, shall adopt rules and regulations for the administration of this section."

Again with the "rules and regulation" adopted by the Secretary of State with the MDPS, what assurance do we have in a state which has a flag which "is the sole remaining U.S. state flag which bears the [Confederate battle flag's saltire](#)," a state which only in 2013 "submitted the required documentation to ratify the Thirteenth Amendment, meaning it never officially had abolished slavery," a state in which 46% of Republicans (and all of the Statewide elected officials except one is a Republican) think that "interracial marriage" should be illegal, a state that will not fund its own Adequate Education Programs knowing the disparate impact the lack of funding has on minority districts, what assurance do we have that in a state with these tendencies and this symbolism would be interested in not repeating the voting restriction sins of its past?

What's eery about a law which prescribes a provision for providing a Mississippi Voter Identification Card for those who have no means in their possession of proving that they are qualified by law, to vote, once, at a polling place in Mississippi?

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What is erry, Mr. Simmons, is the proposed new voting hurdles being erected in Mississippi when Mississippi has proven time and time again that there is something to Faulkner's warning that the "Past is never dead, It's not even past."

