by the Convention,¹ and the proposal became Article XII, Section 244, of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890.

Each of the persons named in the proceeding list was a member of the Franchise Committee who voted in favor of adopting Section 244 of the Mississippi Constitution.

The vote cast by each of these persons in favor of adoption of Section 244 was the particular means by which the design of restricting the negro franchise and establishing and perpetuating white political supremacy and racial segregation in Mississippi was accomplished.

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I. Statements By Negroes Who Were Not Allowed to Register to Vote

Appendix A includes record of the experiences of Negroes who were refused registration in Mississippi counties during the period from 1890 through 1955.

In 1899 there were approximately 140,000 registered voters in Mississippi. Of this total approximately 18,000 or

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