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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 914

By Senator(s) Committee

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

42 SECTION 1. (1) The application for absentee ballot of a
43 person sixty-five (65) years of age or older shall entitle such
44 person to automatically receive an absentee ballot for all
45 elections on a continuing basis without the necessity for
46 reapplication until such time as the elector declines in writing
47 the automatic receipt of the ballot or is no longer a qualified
48 elector.

49 (2) The registrar of each county shall keep an accurate list
50 of the names and addresses of all persons whose application
51 indicate they are sixty-five (65) years of age or older. Sixty
52 (60) days prior to each election, the registrar shall deliver such
53 list to the commissioners of election who shall examine the list
54 and delete from it the names of all persons listed who are no
55 longer qualified electors of the county. Upon completion of such
56 examination, the commissioners of election shall return the list
57 to the registrar by no later than forty-five (45) days prior to
58 the election.

59 (3) The registrar shall send a ballot to all persons on the
60 list who are determined by the commissioners of election to be
61 qualified electors pursuant to subsection (3) of this section by
62 no later than forty (40) days prior to the election.

63 SECTION 2. Section 23-15-625, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
64 amended as follows:

65 23-15-625. (1) The registrar shall be responsible for
66 printing applications for absentee voting as provided herein. At
67 least sixty (60) days prior to any election in which absentee
68 voting is provided for by law, the registrar shall order a
69 sufficient number of applications to be printed; provided,
70 however, that in the event a special election is called and set at
71 a date which makes it impractical or impossible to print
72 applications for absent elector's ballot sixty (60) days prior to
73 such election, the registrar shall print such applications as soon
74 as practicable after such election is called. The applications
75 shall be printed with sequential numbers appearing on the
76 application * * *. The registrar shall fill in the date of the
77 particular election on the application for which the application
78 will be used. Upon receipt of the applications for the election
79 from the printer, the registrar shall file an affidavit with the
80 election commission and a duplicate original of the affidavit in
81 the registrar's office stating the number of applications which he
82 received from the printer.

83 (2) The registrar shall be authorized to disburse
84 applications for absentee ballots to any qualified elector within
85 the county where he serves. The registrar shall keep a permanent
86 ledger for the purpose of showing the number of applications and
87 the persons to whom the applications were given. If an elector
88 picks up applications for another person, the elector shall print
89 his name and address in the ledger, sign the ledger and indicate
90 on the ledger the name or names and address or addresses of the
91 persons for whom he is obtaining the applications. A registrar or
92 deputy registrar who knowingly and willfully disburses
93 applications pursuant to this subsection without obtaining the
94 information required by this subsection to be entered into the
95 ledger shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction

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96 thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six
97 (6) months or a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars
98 (\$20,000.00).

99 (3) The registrar in the county wherein a voter is qualified
100 to vote upon receiving the envelope containing the absentee
101 ballots shall keep an accurate list of all persons preparing such
102 ballots, which list shall be kept in a conspicuous place
103 accessible to the public near the entrance to his office. The
104 registrar shall also furnish to each precinct manager a list of
105 the names of all persons in each respective precinct voting
106 absentee ballots to be posted in a conspicuous place at the
107 polling place for public notice. The application on file with the
108 registrar and the envelopes containing the ballots shall be kept
109 by the registrar and deposited in the proper precinct ballot boxes
110 before such boxes are delivered to the election commissioners or
111 managers. At the time such boxes are delivered to the election
112 commissioners or managers, the registrar shall also turn over a
113 list of all such persons who have voted and whose ballots are in
114 the box.

115 (4) The registrar shall * * * be authorized to mail one (1)
116 application to any qualified elector of the county for use in a
117 particular election, in no event shall the registrar mail a ballot
118 in the same envelope with an application.

119 SECTION 3. Section 23-15-627, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
120 amended as follows:

121 23-15-627. (1) The registrar shall be responsible for
122 furnishing an absentee ballot application form to any elector
123 authorized to receive an absentee ballot. A reproduction of an
124 absentee ballot application shall not be valid unless it is a
125 reproduction provided by the office of the registrar of the
126 jurisdiction in which the election is being held and contains the
127 seal and the initials of the registrar. Such application shall be
128 substantially in the following form:

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129 "OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR ABSENT ELECTOR'S BALLOT

130 Sequential Application Number

131 I, _____, duly qualified and registered in the ____ Precinct
132 of the County of _____, and State of Mississippi, coming within
133 the purview of the definition 'ABSENT ELECTOR' will be absent from
134 the county of my residence on election day, or unable to vote in
135 person because (check appropriate reason):

136 () (PRESIDENTIAL APPLICANT ONLY:) I am currently a
137 resident of Mississippi or have moved therefrom within thirty (30)
138 days of the coming presidential election.

139 () I am an enlisted or commissioned member, male or female,
140 of any component of the United States Armed Forces and am a
141 citizen of Mississippi, or spouse or dependent of such member.

142 () I am a member of the Merchant Marine or the American Red
143 Cross and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of
144 such member.

145 () I am a disabled war veteran who is a patient in any
146 hospital and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of
147 such veteran.

148 () I am a civilian attached to and serving outside of the
149 United States with any branch of the Armed Forces or with the
150 Merchant Marine or American Red Cross, and am a citizen of
151 Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such civilian.

152 () I am a citizen of Mississippi temporarily residing
153 outside the territorial limits of the United States and the
154 District of Columbia.

155 () I am a student, teacher or administrator at a college,
156 university, junior or community college, high, junior high,
157 elementary or grade school, whose studies or employment at such
158 institution necessitates my absence from the county of my voting
159 residence or spouse or dependent of such student, teacher or
160 administrator who maintains a common domicile outside the county
161 of my voting residence with such student, teacher or

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162 administrator.

163 () I will be outside the county on election day.

164 () I have a temporary or permanent * * * disability.

165 () I am sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

166 () I am the parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a
167 temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized
168 outside his county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away
169 from his residence, and I will be with such person on election
170 day.

171 () I am a member of the congressional delegation, or spouse
172 or dependent of a member of the congressional delegation.

173 () I am required to be at work on election day during the
174 times at which the polls will be open.

175 I hereby make application for an official ballot, or ballots,
176 to be voted by me at the election to be held in _____, on _____.

177 Send 'Absent Elector's Ballot' to me at the following address
178 _____, City _____, State _____, Zip Code _____.

179 I realize that I can be fined up to Five Thousand Dollars
180 (\$5,000.00) and sentenced up to five (5) years in the penitentiary
181 for making a false statement in this application and for selling
182 my vote and violating the Mississippi Absentee Voter Law. (This
183 sentence is to be in bold print.)

184 If you are temporarily or permanently disabled, you are not
185 required to have this application notarized or signed by an
186 official authorized to administer oaths for absentee balloting.
187 You are required to sign this application in the proper place and
188 have a person eighteen (18) years of age or older witness your
189 signature and sign this application in the proper place.

190 DO NOT SIGN WITHOUT READING. (This sentence is to be in bold
191 print.)

192 IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
193 the ____ day of _____, 19__.

194 _____

195 (Signature of absent elector)
196 SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the ____ day of _____,
197 19__.

198 _____
199 (Official authorized to administer oaths for absentee
200 balloting or witness in the case of an elector temporarily or
201 permanently disabled.)"

202 SECTION 4. Section 23-15-631, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
203 amended as follows:

204 23-15-631. (1) The registrar shall enclose with each ballot
205 sent to an absent elector separate printed instructions furnished
206 by him containing the following:

207 (a) All absentee voters, excepting those with temporary
208 or permanent physical disabilities or those who are sixty-five
209 (65) years of age or older, who mark their ballots in the county
210 of the residence shall use the registrar of that county as the
211 witness. Said absentee voter shall come to the office of the
212 registrar and neither the registrar nor his deputy shall be
213 required to go out of the registrar's office to serve as an
214 attesting witness.

215 (b) Upon receipt of the enclosed ballot, you will not
216 mark same except in view or sight of the attesting witness. In
217 the sight or view of the attesting witness, mark the ballot
218 according to instructions.

219 (c) After marking the ballot, fill out and sign the
220 "ELECTOR'S CERTIFICATE" on back of the envelope so that the
221 signature shall be across the flap of the envelope so as to insure
222 the integrity of the ballot. All absent electors shall have the
223 attesting witness sign the "ATTESTING WITNESS CERTIFICATE" on back
224 of the envelope. Place necessary postage on the envelope and
225 deposit it in the post office or some government receptacle
226 provided for deposit of mail so that the absent elector's ballot,
227 excepting presidential absentee ballots, will reach the registrar

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228 in which your precinct is located not later than 5:00 p.m. on the
229 day preceding the date of the election, or by personally
230 delivering such ballot to the registrar's office not later than
231 12:00 noon on the Saturday immediately preceding elections held on
232 Tuesday, the Thursday immediately preceding elections held on
233 Saturday, and the second day immediately preceding elections held
234 on other days.

235 Any notary public, United States postmaster, assistant United
236 States postmaster, United States postal supervisor, clerk in
237 charge of a contract postal station, or any officer having
238 authority to administer an oath or take an acknowledgment may be
239 an attesting witness; provided, however, that in the case of an
240 absent elector who is temporarily or permanently physically
241 disabled, the attesting witness may be any person eighteen (18)
242 years of age or older and such person is not required to have the
243 authority to administer an oath. If a postmaster, assistant
244 postmaster, postal supervisor, or clerk in charge of a contract
245 postal station acts as an attesting witness, his signature on the
246 elector's certificate must be authenticated by the cancellation
247 stamp of their respective post offices. If one or the other
248 officers herein named acts as attesting witness, his signature on
249 the elector's certificate, together with his title and address,
250 but no seal, shall be required. Any affidavits made by an absent
251 elector who is in the armed forces may be executed before a
252 commissioned officer, warrant officer, or noncommissioned officer
253 not lower in grade than sergeant rating, or any person authorized
254 to administer oaths.

255 (d) * * * The application * * * shall not be returned
256 in the same envelope as the ballot but shall be returned in a
257 separate pre-addressed envelope provided by the registrar.

258 (e) Any voter casting an absentee ballot who is blind
259 or unable to read or write, or who is temporarily or permanently
260 disabled, shall be entitled to receive assistance in the marking

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261 of his absentee ballot. The voter may be given assistance by
262 anyone of the voter's choice other than the voter's employer, or
263 agent of that employer, or officer or agent of the voter's union,
264 or any candidate whose name appears on the ballot. Any person who
265 provides assistance to an absentee voter shall print his name and
266 address and sign his name in the appropriate places on the
267 absentee ballot envelope.

268 (2) The foregoing instructions required to be provided by
269 the registrar to the elector shall also constitute the substantive
270 law pertaining to the handling of absentee ballots by the elector
271 and registrar.

272 SECTION 5. Section 23-15-635, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
273 amended as follows:

274 23-15-635. (1) The form of the elector's certificate and
275 attesting witness certification on the back of the envelope used
276 by voters who do not use the registrar of their county of
277 residence as an attesting witness shall be as follows:

278 "ELECTOR'S CERTIFICATE

279 STATE OF _____

280 COUNTY OR PARISH OF _____

281 * * * This envelope contains the ballot marked by me
282 indicating my choice of the candidates or propositions to be
283 submitted at the election to be held on the ___ day of _____
284 19___, and I hereby authorize the registrar to place this envelope
285 in the ballot box on my behalf, and I further authorize the
286 election managers to open this envelope and place my ballot among
287 the other ballots cast before such ballots are counted, and record
288 my name on the poll list as if I were present in person and voted.

289 I further declare that I marked the enclosed ballot in
290 secret.

291 _____

292 (Signature of voter)

293 CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING WITNESS

294 Personally appeared before me, on this the ____ day of
295 _____, 19____, the above-named voter, known by me to be the
296 person named, who * * * signed the foregoing certificate. That
297 said voter exhibited to me his blank ballot; that said ballot was
298 not marked or voted before the said voter exhibited the ballot to
299 me; that said voter then retired out of my presence, but within my
300 sight, and voted his ballot so that I could not see how he voted;
301 that no one was present with said voter as he marked his ballot;
302 that the said voter was not solicited or advised by me to vote for
303 any candidate, question or issue, and that the voter, after
304 marking his ballot, placed it in the envelope, closed and sealed
305 the envelope in my presence, and signed * * * the above
306 certificate.

307 _____
308 (Attesting witness) (Address)
309 _____
310 (Official title) (City and State)

311 The following must be completed only if the voter has
312 received assistance in marking the enclosed ballot:

313 _____
314 Signature of person providing assistance
315 _____
316 Printed name of person providing assistance
317 _____
318 Address of person providing assistance

319 (2) The envelope used pursuant to this section shall not
320 contain the form prescribed pursuant to Section 23-15-719.

321 SECTION 6. Section 23-15-713, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
322 amended as follows:

323 23-15-713. For the purpose of this subarticle, any duly
324 qualified elector may vote as provided in this subarticle if he be
325 one who falls within the following categories:

326 (a) Any qualified elector who is a bona fide student,

327 teacher or administrator at any college, university, junior
328 college, high, junior high or elementary grade school whose
329 studies or employment at such institution necessitates his absence
330 from the county of his voting residence on the date of any
331 primary, general or special election, or the spouse and dependents
332 of said student, teacher or administrator is such spouse or
333 dependent(s) maintain a common domicile, outside of the county of
334 his voting residence, with such student, teacher or administrator.

335 (b) Any qualified elector who is required to be away
336 from his place of residence on any election day due to his
337 employment as an employee of a member of the Mississippi
338 congressional delegation and the spouse and dependents of such
339 person if he or she shall be residing with such absentee voter
340 away from the county of the spouse's voting residence.

341 (c) Any qualified elector who is away from his county
342 of residence on election day.

343 (d) Any person who has a temporary or permanent * * *
344 disability.

345 (e) The parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a
346 temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized
347 outside of his county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles'
348 distant from his residence, if the parent, spouse or dependent
349 will be with such person on election day.

350 (f) Any person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or
351 older.

352 (g) Any member of the Mississippi congressional
353 delegation absent from Mississippi on election day, and the spouse
354 and dependents of such member of the congressional delegation.

355 (h) Any qualified elector who will be unable to vote in
356 person because he is required to be at work on election day during
357 the times at which the polls will be open.

358 SECTION 7. Section 23-15-715, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
359 amended as follows:

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360 23-15-715. Any elector desiring an absentee ballot as
361 provided in this subarticle may secure same if:

362 (a) Not more than forty-five (45) days nor later than
363 12:00 noon on the Saturday immediately preceding elections held on
364 Tuesday, the Thursday immediately preceding elections held on
365 Saturday, or the second day immediately preceding the date of
366 elections held on other days, he shall appear in person before the
367 registrar of the county in which he resides, or for municipal
368 elections he shall appear in person before the city clerk of the
369 municipality in which he resides and, when the elector so appears,
370 he shall execute and file an application as provided in Section
371 23-15-627 and vote by absentee ballot, except that if the ballot
372 has not been printed by forty-five (45) days preceding the
373 election, the elector may appear and file an application anytime
374 before the election. Then the absentee ballot shall be mailed by
375 the circuit clerk to the elector as soon as the ballot has been
376 printed.

377 (b) Within forty-five (45) days next prior to any
378 election, any elector who cannot comply with paragraph (a) of this
379 section by reason of temporarily residing outside the county, or
380 any person who has a temporary or permanent physical disability,
381 persons who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older, or any
382 person who is the parent, spouse or dependent of a temporarily or
383 permanently physically disabled person who is hospitalized outside
384 of his county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from
385 his residence and such parent, spouse or dependent will be with
386 such person on election day, may make application for an absentee
387 ballot by mailing the appropriate application to the registrar.
388 Only persons temporarily residing out of the county of their
389 residence, persons having a temporary or permanent physical
390 disability, persons who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older,
391 or any person who is the parent, spouse or dependent of a
392 temporarily or permanently physically disabled person who is

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393 hospitalized outside of his county of residence or more than fifty
394 (50) miles away from his residence, and such parent, spouse or
395 dependent will be with such person on election day, may obtain
396 absentee ballots by mail under the provisions of this subsection
397 and as provided by Section 23-15-713. Applications of persons
398 temporarily residing outside the county shall be * * * subscribed
399 before an official who is authorized to administer oaths or other
400 official authorized to witness absentee balloting as provided in
401 this chapter, said application to be accompanied by such verifying
402 affidavits as required by this chapter. The applications of
403 persons having a temporary or permanent * * * disability shall not
404 be required to be accompanied by an affidavit but shall be
405 witnessed and signed by a person eighteen (18) years of age or
406 older. The registrar shall mail to such absent voter a proper
407 absentee voter ballot within twenty-four (24) hours, or as soon
408 thereafter as the ballots are available, containing the names of
409 all candidates who qualify or the proposition to be voted on in
410 such election, and with such ballot there shall be sent an
411 official envelope containing upon it in printed form the recitals
412 and data hereinafter required. The only method of delivery of
413 absentee voter ballots pursuant to this paragraph shall be by
414 mail.

415 SECTION 8. Section 23-15-719, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
416 amended as follows:

417 23-15-719. (1) Immediately upon completion of an
418 application filed pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) of
419 Section 23-15-715, the registrar shall deliver the necessary
420 ballots to the applicant. The elector shall fill in his ballot in
421 secret. After the applicant has properly marked the ballot and
422 properly folded it, he shall deposit it in the envelope furnished
423 him by the registrar.

424 After he has sealed the envelope, he shall subscribe * * *
425 to an affidavit in the following form, which shall be printed on

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426 the back of the envelope containing the applicant's ballot:

427 "STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

428 COUNTY OF

429 I, _____, declare that this envelope contains the ballot
430 marked by me indicating my choice of the candidates or
431 propositions to be submitted at the election to be held on the ____
432 day of _____, 19____ * * *.

433 I declare that I marked the enclosed ballot * * *.

434 _____
435 (Signature of voter)

436 * * * SUBSCRIBED before me, _____, this the ____ day of
437 _____, 19____.

438 (Registrar) _____
439 (Registrar)"

440 The following must be completed only if the voter has
441 received assistance in marking the enclosed ballot:

442 _____

443 Signature of person providing assistance

444 _____

445 Printed name of person providing assistance

446 _____

447 Address of person providing assistance

448 After the completion of the requirements of this section, the
449 elector shall deliver the envelope containing the ballot to the
450 registrar.

451 (2) The envelope used pursuant to this section shall not
452 contain the form prescribed by Section 23-15-635.

453 SECTION 9. Section 23-15-753, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
454 amended as follows:

455 23-15-753. (1) Any person who willfully, unlawfully and
456 feloniously procures, seeks to procure, or seeks to influence the
457 vote of any person voting by absentee ballot, by the payment of
458 money, the promise of payment of money, or by the delivery of any

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459 other item of value or promise to give the voter any item of
460 value, or by promising or giving the voter any favor or reward in
461 an effort to influence his vote, or any person who aids, abets,
462 assists, encourages, helps, or causes any person voting an
463 absentee ballot to violate any provision of law pertaining to
464 absentee voting, or any person who sells his vote for money,
465 favor, or reward, has been paid or promised money, a reward, a
466 favor or favors, or any other item of value, or any person who
467 shall willfully swear falsely to any affidavit provided for in
468 Sections 23-15-621 through 23-15-735, shall be guilty of the crime
469 of "vote fraud" and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a
470 fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than
471 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by imprisonment in the
472 county jail for no more than one (1) year, or by both * * * fine
473 and imprisonment, or by being sentenced to the State Penitentiary
474 for not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years.

475 (2) A registrar who knowingly and willfully fails to follow
476 the procedures required by this article shall be guilty of a
477 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by
478 imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or a fine of not
479 more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).

480 SECTION 10. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
481 is hereby directed to submit this act, immediately upon approval
482 by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to
483 a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the
484 United States District Court for the District of Columbia in
485 accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965,
486 as amended and extended.

487 SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from
488 and after January 1, 2000, if it is effectuated under Section 5 of
489 the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION OF A
2 PERSON 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER SHALL ENTITLE SUCH PERSON TO
3 AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR ALL ELECTIONS WITHOUT
4 THE NECESSITY FOR REAPPLICATION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE REGISTRAR OF
5 EACH COUNTY SHALL KEEP AN ACCURATE LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES
6 OF ALL SUCH PERSONS AND SHALL DELIVER SUCH LIST TO THE
7 COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION 60 DAYS PRIOR TO SUCH ELECTION WHO SHALL
8 EXAMINE THE LIST AND DELETE FROM IT THE NAMES OF ALL PERSONS
9 LISTED WHO ARE NO LONGER QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY; TO
10 PROVIDE THAT THE REGISTRAR SHALL SEND A BALLOT TO ALL PERSONS ON
11 THE LIST WHO ARE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION TO BE
12 QUALIFIED ELECTORS BY NO LATER THAN 40 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION;
13 TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-625, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE
14 THAT A REGISTRAR WHO FAILS TO ACCURATELY KEEP A PERMANENT LEDGER
15 SHOWING THE NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS AND THE PERSONS
16 TO WHOM THE APPLICATIONS ARE GIVEN SHALL BE GUILTY OF A
17 MISDEMEANOR; TO PROVIDE THAT IN NO EVENT SHALL THE REGISTRAR MAIL
18 A BALLOT IN THE SAME ENVELOPE WITH AN APPLICATION; TO AMEND
19 SECTION 23-15-627, TO REQUIRE THAT A REPRODUCTION OF AN ABSENTEE
20 BALLOT APPLICATION SHALL NOT BE VALID UNLESS IT IS A REPRODUCTION
21 PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF THE JURISDICTION IN
22 WHICH THE ELECTION IS BEING HELD AND CONTAINS THE SEAL AND THE
23 INITIALS OF THE REGISTRAR; TO REQUIRE APPLICATIONS FOR AN ABSENTEE
24 BALLOT CONTAIN A SEQUENTIAL APPLICATION NUMBER; TO AMEND SECTION
25 23-15-631, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE PERSONS CASTING
26 AN ABSENTEE BALLOT WHO ARE BLIND, UNABLE TO READ OR WRITE OR
27 PHYSICALLY DISABLED TO RECEIVE CERTAIN ASSISTANCE IN CASTING THEIR
28 BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-635, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
29 REVISE THE FORM PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO
30 AMEND SECTION 23-15-713, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE
31 PERSONS WITH ANY DISABILITY TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO AMEND
32 SECTION 23-15-715, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THAT THE
33 REGISTRAR MAY ONLY SEND BALLOTS BY MAIL TO PERSONS WHO ARE
34 AUTHORIZED TO VOTE BY MAIL; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-719,
35 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE FORM PRINTED ON THE BACK
36 OF THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION
37 23-15-753, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT REGISTRARS
38 WHO FAIL TO FOLLOW THE STATUTORY PROCEDURES REGARDING ABSENTEE
39 BALLOTS SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR; AND FOR RELATED
40 PURPOSES.