

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:**

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2810: Elections; make certain technical amendments to the election laws.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

**AMEND** by striking Section 1 in its entirety and by renumbering subsequent section(s) accordingly.

**AMEND** on line 114 by striking "19\_\_" and by inserting in lieu thereof "2\_\_"

**AMEND** by striking lines 350 through 353 and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Where there is but one (1) candidate for each office contested at the primary election, the proper executive committee when the time has expired within which the names of candidates shall be furnished shall declare such candidates the nominees.

(8) No candidate may qualify by filing the information required by this section by using the internet.

**AMEND** by inserting the following after line 523:

(10) The petition required by this section may not be filed by using the internet.

**FURTHER AMEND** by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-39, 23-15-213, 23-15-299, 23-15-309, 23-15-333, 23-15-359, 23-15-361, 23-15-367, 23-15-627, 23-15-631, 23-15-681, 23-15-839, 23-15-853, 23-15-857, 23-15-977, 37-5-75, 37-7-211 AND 37-7-225, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO

CLARIFY THE APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A VOTER; TO PROVIDE THAT THE QUALIFYING DEADLINE FOR ALL ELECTIVE OFFICES SHALL BE AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE LAST DAY UPON WHICH A CANDIDATE MAY QUALIFY FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE; TO CLARIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE ARE EXAMINED; TO REQUIRE THAT COPIES OF THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY CANDIDATES FOR PARTY NOMINATION BE TRANSMITTED TO AND RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE BY NOT LATER THAN 6:00 P.M. ON THE DATE OF THE QUALIFYING DEADLINE; TO PROVIDE THAT IN CASES IN WHICH THERE IS BUT ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE CONTESTED AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION, SUCH CANDIDATES SHALL BE DECLARED THE NOMINEES; TO PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM QUALIFYING FOR OFFICE BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE ELECTION IS TO OCCUR; TO PROVIDE THAT IN CASES IN WHICH ONLY ONE CANDIDATE HAS QUALIFIED FOR AN ELECTIVE OFFICE THAT SUCH CANDIDATE SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDER IN WHICH THE TITLES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICES SHALL BE LISTED; TO CLARIFY THAT ABSENTEE BALLOTS OF ELECTORS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO VOTE BY MAIL MUST BE MAILED TO THE ELECTOR; TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTIFICATE ON THE ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPE THAT MUST BE COMPLETED BY PERSONS WHO WITNESS THE SIGNATURE OF A VOTER WHO IS TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED; TO PROHIBIT CANDIDATES FROM QUALIFYING FOR OFFICE USING THE INTERNET; TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PRINTING ON ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPES SHALL BE BLACK; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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Hob Bryan

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas U. Reynolds

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Gray Tollison

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Ferr Smith

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Bennie L. Turner

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Wanda Jennings