AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 39-5-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE SPECIFIC NUMBER OF COPIES OF THE STATE OFFICIAL AND STATISTICAL REGISTER ("BLUE BOOK") TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND PROVIDE THAT THE REGISTER SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN SUCH NUMBERS AS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND FUNDED BY THE LEGISLATURE; TO REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO BE PRINTED IN THE REGISTER: "THIS BOOK WAS PAID FOR BY THE TAXPAYERS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND AUTHORIZED BY THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE”; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 39-5-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

39-5-15. An official and statistical register of the State of Mississippi shall be compiled by the Secretary of State after each general election, to contain brief sketches of the several state officials, the members of Congress from Mississippi, the Supreme Court judges, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi; a roster of all state and county officials, lists of all state institutions, with officials; state and county population and election statistics, and miscellaneous statistics. This register shall be published in an amount not to exceed forty thousand (40,000) and shall be for free distribution, the printing and the binding to be paid for as other public printing and binding. Its distribution shall be paid out of the fund provided for the distribution of other public documents. This register shall have printed on the title page the following statement: "This book was paid for by the taxpayers of the State of Mississippi and authorized by the Mississippi Legislature."
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.