

By: Senator(s) Jackson

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2019

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTY REGISTRARS TO KEEP A LIST OF ALL  
 2 PERSONS WHO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE REASON THAT THEY  
 3 ARE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND WHO HAVE EXPRESSED IN WRITING  
 4 THEIR DESIRE TO RECEIVE BALLOTS FOR FUTURE ELECTIONS; TO REQUIRE  
 5 THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION TO PURGE SUCH LIST PRIOR TO EACH  
 6 ELECTION; TO REQUIRE THE REGISTRAR TO SEND A BALLOT TO ALL PERSONS  
 7 ON THE PURGED LIST BY NO LATER THAN 40 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION;  
 8 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) The registrar of each county shall keep an  
 11 accurate list of the names and addresses of all persons who  
 12 receive an absentee ballot for the reason that they are sixty-five  
 13 (65) years of age or older and who express in writing their desire  
 14 to receive a ballot pursuant to this section.

15 (2) Sixty (60) days prior to each election, the registrar  
 16 shall deliver the list required pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
 17 section to the commissioners of election who shall examine the  
 18 list and delete from it the names of all persons listed who are no  
 19 longer qualified electors of the county. Upon completion of such  
 20 examination, the commissioners of election shall return the list  
 21 to the registrar by no later than forty-five (45) days prior to  
 22 the election.

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

27 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
 28 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
 29 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
 30 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States



31 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
32 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
33 extended.

34         **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
35 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
36 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

