

By: Senator(s) Blount

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2374

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-807, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE ITEMIZATION OF CERTAIN CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-807, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 23-15-807. (a) Each candidate or political committee shall
8 file reports of contributions and disbursements in accordance with
9 the provisions of this section. All candidates or political
10 committees required to report may terminate its obligation to
11 report only upon submitting a final report that it will no longer
12 receive any contributions or make any disbursement and that such
13 candidate or committee has no outstanding debts or obligations.
14 The candidate, treasurer or chief executive officer shall sign
15 each such report.

16 (b) Candidates who are seeking election, or nomination for
17 election, and political committees that make expenditures for the
18 purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of



19 voters for or against the nomination for election, or election, of
20 one or more candidates or balloted measures at such election,
21 shall file the following reports:

22 (i) In any calendar year during which there is a
23 regularly scheduled election, a preelection report, which shall be
24 filed no later than the seventh day before any election in which
25 such candidate or political committee has accepted contributions
26 or made expenditures and which shall be complete as of the tenth
27 day before such election;

28 (ii) In 1987 and every fourth year thereafter, periodic
29 reports, which shall be filed no later than the tenth day after
30 April 30, May 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, and which
31 shall be complete as of the last day of each period; and

32 (iii) In any calendar years except 1987 and except
33 every fourth year thereafter, a report covering the calendar year
34 which shall be filed no later than January 31 of the following
35 calendar year.

36 (c) All candidates for judicial office as defined in Section
37 23-15-975, or their political committees, shall file in the year
38 in which they are to be elected, periodic reports which shall be
39 filed no later than the tenth day after April 30, May 31, June 30,
40 September 30 and December 31.

41 (d) Contents of reports. Each report under this article
42 shall disclose:



43 (i) For the reporting period and the calendar year, the
44 total amount of all contributions and the total amount of all
45 expenditures of the candidate or reporting committee which shall
46 include those required to be identified pursuant to * * *
47 paragraph (ii) of this * * * subsection as well as the total of
48 all other contributions and expenditures during the calendar year.
49 Such reports shall be cumulative during the calendar year to which
50 they relate;

51 (ii) The identification of:

52 1. Each person or political committee who makes a
53 contribution to the reporting candidate or political committee
54 during the reporting period, whose contribution or contributions
55 within the calendar year have an aggregate amount or value in
56 excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) together with the date and
57 amount of any such contribution;

58 2. Each person or organization, candidate or
59 political committee who receives an expenditure, payment or other
60 transfer from the reporting candidate, political committee or its
61 agent, employee, designee, contractor, consultant or other person
62 or persons acting in its behalf during the reporting period when
63 the expenditure, payment or other transfer to such person,
64 organization, candidate or political committee within the calendar
65 year have an aggregate value or amount in excess of Two Hundred
66 Dollars (\$200.00) together with the date and amount of such
67 expenditure * * * ; and



68 3. The following detailed billing information for
69 any expenditure to a credit card company, other business providing
70 credit card purchase services, internet payment company or similar
71 entity providing credit or payment services for purchases of goods
72 and services: identification of each vendor, date of the purchase
73 or payment, amount of the purchase or payment, description of the
74 purchase or payment and purpose of the purchase or payment.

75 (iii) The total amount of cash on hand of each
76 reporting candidate and reporting political committee;

77 (iv) In addition to the contents of reports specified
78 in * * * paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of this * * * subsection,
79 each political party shall disclose:

80 1. Each person or political committee who makes a
81 contribution to a political party during the reporting period and
82 whose contribution or contributions to a political party within
83 the calendar year have an aggregate amount or value in excess of
84 Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), together with the date and amount
85 of the contribution;

86 2. Each person or organization who receives an
87 expenditure by a political party or expenditures by a political
88 party during the reporting period when the expenditure or
89 expenditures to the person or organization within the calendar
90 year have an aggregate value or amount in excess of Two Hundred
91 Dollars (\$200.00), together with the date and amount of the
92 expenditure.



93 (e) The appropriate office specified in Section 23-15-805
94 must be in actual receipt of the reports specified in this article
95 by 5:00 p.m. on the dates specified in * * * subsection (b) of
96 this section. If the date specified in * * * subsection (b) of
97 this section shall fall on a weekend or legal holiday then the
98 report shall be due in the appropriate office at 5:00 p.m. on the
99 first working day before the date specified in * * * subsection
100 (b) of this section. The reporting candidate or reporting
101 political committee shall ensure that the reports are delivered to
102 the appropriate office by the filing deadline. The Secretary of
103 State may approve specific means of electronic transmission of
104 completed campaign finance disclosure reports, which may include,
105 but not be limited to, transmission by electronic facsimile (FAX)
106 devices.

107 (f) (i) If any contribution of more than Two Hundred
108 Dollars (\$200.00) is received by a candidate or candidate's
109 political committee after the tenth day, but more than forty-eight
110 (48) hours before 12:01 a.m. of the day of the election, the
111 candidate or political committee shall notify the appropriate
112 office designated in Section 23-15-805, within forty-eight (48)
113 hours of receipt of the contribution. The notification shall
114 include:

- 115 1. The name of the receiving candidate;
- 116 2. The name of the receiving candidate's political
117 committee, if any;



3. The office sought by the candidate;
4. The identification of the contributor;
5. The date of receipt;
6. The amount of the contribution;
7. If the contribution is in-kind, a description of the in-kind contribution; and
8. The signature of the candidate or the treasurer or director of the candidate's political committee.

(ii) The notification shall be in writing, and may be transmitted by overnight mail, courier service, or other reliable means, including electronic facsimile (FAX), but the candidate or candidate's committee shall ensure that the notification shall in fact be received in the appropriate office designated in Section 23-15-805 within forty-eight (48) hours of the contribution.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2016.

