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To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2085

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-805, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS FROM CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL
3 GOVERNMENT OFFICES SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
4 WEBSITES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-805, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 23-15-805. (a) Candidates for state, state district, and
9 legislative district offices, and every political committee, which
10 makes reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or
11 in opposition to a candidate for any such office or makes
12 reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or in
13 opposition to a statewide ballot measure, shall file all reports
14 required under this article with the Office of the Secretary of
15 State.

16 (b) Candidates for county or county district office, and
17 every political committee which makes reportable contributions to
18 or expenditures in support of or in opposition to a candidate for
19 such office or makes reportable contributions to or expenditures



20 in support of or in opposition to a countywide ballot measure or a
21 ballot measure affecting part of a county, excepting a municipal
22 ballot measure, shall file all reports required by this section in
23 the office of the circuit clerk of the county in which the
24 election occurs. The circuit clerk shall forward copies of all
25 reports to the Office of the Secretary of State. The circuit
26 clerk shall also upload the reports to the county's Internet
27 website.

28 (c) Candidates for municipal office, and every political
29 committee which makes reportable contributions to or expenditures
30 in support of or in opposition to a candidate for such office, or
31 makes reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or
32 in opposition to a municipal ballot measure shall file all reports
33 required by this article in the office of the municipal clerk of
34 the municipality in which the election occurs. The municipal
35 clerk shall forward copies of all reports to the Office of the
36 Secretary of State. The municipal clerk shall also upload the
37 reports to the municipality's Internet website. If the
38 municipality does not maintain a website, the clerk shall forward
39 copies of the reports to the circuit clerk of the county in which
40 the municipality is located, and the circuit clerk shall upload
41 the reports to the county's website.

42 (d) The Secretary of State, the circuit clerks and the
43 municipal clerks shall make all reports received under this



44 subsection available for public inspection and copying and shall
45 preserve such reports for a period of five (5) years.

46 (e) The provisions of this section applicable to the
47 reporting by a political committee of contributions and
48 expenditures regarding statewide ballot measures shall apply to
49 the statewide special election for the purpose of selecting the
50 official state flag provided for in Section 1 of Laws, 2001,
51 Chapter 301.

52 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
53 and after July 1, 2017.

