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To: Apportionment and  
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 63

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-283, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROHIBIT CHANGES TO PRECINCT BOUNDARIES UNTIL THE LEGISLATURE  
3 COMPLETES ITS REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
4 AND SENATE DISTRICTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-281 AND 23-15-285,  
5 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO AMEND  
6 SECTION 19-3-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE  
7 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 21-8-7, 21-9-15  
8 AND 23-15-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
9 POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-283, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
12 amended as follows:

13 23-15-283. (1) The board of supervisors shall have power to  
14 alter the boundaries of the supervisors districts, voting  
15 precincts, sub-precincts and the voting place therein. If the  
16 board of supervisors orders a change in the boundaries, they shall  
17 notify the election commissioners, who shall at once cause the  
18 voter rolls as electronically maintained by the Statewide  
19 Elections Management System of voting precincts affected by the  
20 order to be changed to conform to the change so as to contain only  
21 the names of the qualified electors in the voting precincts as



22 made by the change of boundaries. Upon the order of change in the  
23 boundaries of any voting precinct or the voting place therein, the  
24 board of supervisors shall notify the Office of the Secretary of  
25 State and provide the Office of the Secretary of State a legal  
26 description and a map of any boundary change. No change shall be  
27 implemented or enforced until the requirements of this section  
28 have been met.

29 (2) Only officials certified by the Secretary of State shall  
30 be authorized to implement boundary line changes in the Statewide  
31 Elections Management System. The training and certification  
32 required under this subsection (2) shall be available to the  
33 circuit clerk, county election commissioners or any other  
34 individual designated by the board of supervisors to be  
35 responsible for implementing boundary line changes into the  
36 Statewide Elections Management System.

37 (3) Any governmental entity authorized to adopt, amend or  
38 change boundary lines shall immediately forward all changed  
39 boundary lines to the appropriate circuit clerk, who shall, if  
40 authorized under subsection (2), implement the boundary line  
41 changes in the Statewide Elections Management System. If the  
42 circuit clerk is not the appropriate person to implement the  
43 boundary line changes, the clerk shall immediately forward a copy  
44 of all materials to the appropriate person. Copies of any  
45 boundary line changes within the county shall be maintained in the  
46 office of the circuit clerk and made available for public



47 inspection. No change shall be implemented or enforced until the  
48 requirements of this section have been met.

49 (4) Precinct boundary changes affected by the authority of  
50 this section or of any other provision of law shall not be  
51 implemented during any decade after the last day of September of  
52 the year ending in eight (8). Precinct boundaries in force and  
53 effect at such time shall remain in effect and unalterable until  
54 the last day of December in the next year ending in zero. This  
55 prohibition shall not bar the creation or modification of  
56 sub-precinct boundaries.

57 **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-281, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
58 amended as follows:

59 23-15-281. (1) Each county shall be divided into  
60 supervisors districts, which shall be the same as those for the  
61 election of members of the board of supervisors, and may be  
62 subdivided thereafter into voting precincts; and there shall be  
63 only one (1) voting place in each voting precinct. \* \* \* The  
64 board of supervisors shall notify the Office of the Secretary of  
65 State of the boundary of each supervisors district, sub-precinct  
66 and voting precinct as then fixed and shall provide the office a  
67 legal description and a map of each supervisors district,  
68 sub-precinct and voting precinct and shall indicate the voting  
69 place in each such district. The board of supervisors shall also  
70 ensure the legal description and map of each supervisors district  
71 is available in the circuit clerk's office for public inspection.



72           (2) The board of supervisors is authorized, by order spread  
73 upon the minutes of the board setting forth the cost and source of  
74 funds therefor, to purchase improved or unimproved property and to  
75 construct, reconstruct, repair, renovate and maintain polling  
76 places, or to pay to private property owners reasonable rental  
77 fees when the property is used as a polling place for a period not  
78 to exceed the day immediately preceding the election, the day of  
79 the election, and the day immediately following the election. On  
80 or before May 1, 2019, the county board of supervisors shall  
81 ensure each polling place is accessible to all voters,  
82 structurally sound, capable of providing air conditioning and  
83 heating and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

84           (3) All facilities owned or leased by the state, county,  
85 municipality, or school district may be made available at no cost  
86 to the board of supervisors for use as polling places to such  
87 extent as may be agreed to by the authority having control or  
88 custody of these facilities.

89           **SECTION 3.** Section 23-15-285, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
90 amended as follows:

91           23-15-285. The board of supervisors shall cause an entry to  
92 be made on the minutes of the board at some meeting, as early as  
93 convenient, defining the boundaries of the several supervisors  
94 districts, sub-precincts and voting precincts in the county, and  
95 designating the voting place in each voting precinct; and as soon  
96 as practicable after any change is made in any supervisors



97 district, sub-precincts, voting precinct or any voting place, the  
98 board of supervisors shall cause the change to be entered on the  
99 minutes of the board in such manner as to be easily  
100 understood. \* \* \* Precinct boundaries may be changed only during  
101 the times provided in Section 23-15-283.

102 No voting precinct shall have more than five hundred (500)  
103 qualified electors residing in its boundaries. Subject to the  
104 provisions of this section, each board of supervisors of the  
105 various counties of this state shall as soon as practical after  
106 January 1, 1987, alter or change the boundaries of the various  
107 voting precincts to comply herewith and shall from time to time  
108 make such changes in the boundaries of voting precincts so that  
109 there shall never be more than five hundred (500) qualified  
110 electors within the boundaries of the various voting precincts of  
111 this state; provided further, this limitation shall not apply to  
112 voting precincts that are so divided, alphabetically or otherwise,  
113 so as to have less than five hundred (500) qualified electors in  
114 any one (1) box within a voting precinct. However, the limitation  
115 of five hundred (500) qualified electors to the voting precinct  
116 shall not apply to voting precincts in which voting machines are  
117 used at all elections held in that voting precinct. No change in  
118 any supervisors district, sub-precinct or voting precinct shall  
119 take effect less than thirty (30) days before the qualifying  
120 deadline for the office of county supervisor. \* \* \*



121           **SECTION 4.** Section 19-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
122 amended as follows:

123           19-3-1. Each county shall be divided into five (5)  
124 districts, with due regard to equality of population and  
125 convenience of situation for the election of members of the boards  
126 of supervisors, but the districts as now existing shall continue  
127 until changed. The qualified electors of each district shall  
128 elect, at the next general election, and every four (4) years  
129 thereafter, in their districts one (1) member of the board of  
130 supervisors. Subject to the provisions of Sections 23-15-285 and  
131 23-15-283, the board, by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of all members  
132 elected, may change the districts, the boundaries to be entered at  
133 large in the minutes of the proceedings of the board. \* \* \*

134           If the boundaries of the districts are changed by order of  
135 the board of supervisors as provided in this section, the order  
136 shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in  
137 the county once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

138           **SECTION 5.** Section 21-8-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
139 brought forward as follows:

140           21-8-7. (1) Each municipality operating under the  
141 mayor-council form of government shall be governed by an elected  
142 council and an elected mayor. Other officers and employees shall  
143 be duly appointed pursuant to this chapter, general law or  
144 ordinance.



145           (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this  
146 section, the mayor and council members shall be elected by the  
147 voters of the municipality at a regular municipal election held on  
148 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June as provided in  
149 Section 21-11-7, and shall serve for a term of four (4) years  
150 beginning on the first day of July next following the election  
151 that is not on a weekend.

152           (3) The terms of the initial mayor and council members shall  
153 commence at the expiration of the terms of office of the elected  
154 officials of the municipality serving at the time of adoption of  
155 the mayor-council form.

156           (4) (a) The council shall consist of five (5), seven (7) or  
157 nine (9) members. In the event there are five (5) council  
158 members, the municipality shall be divided into either five (5) or  
159 four (4) wards. In the event there are seven (7) council members,  
160 the municipality shall be divided into either seven (7), six (6)  
161 or five (5) wards. In the event there are nine (9) council  
162 members, the municipality shall be divided into seven (7) or nine  
163 (9) wards. If the municipality is divided into fewer wards than  
164 it has council members, the other council member or members shall  
165 be elected from the municipality at large. The total number of  
166 council members and the number of council members elected from  
167 wards shall be established by the petition or petitions presented  
168 pursuant to Section 21-8-3. One (1) council member shall be  
169 elected from each ward by the voters of that ward. Council



170 members elected to represent wards must be residents of their  
171 wards at the time of qualification for election, and any council  
172 member who removes the member's residence from the municipality or  
173 from the ward from which elected shall vacate that office.  
174 However, any candidate for council member who is properly  
175 qualified as a candidate under applicable law shall be deemed to  
176 be qualified as a candidate in whatever ward the member resides if  
177 the ward has changed after the council has redistricted the  
178 municipality as provided in paragraph (c) (ii) of this subsection  
179 (4), and if the wards have been so changed, any person may qualify  
180 as a candidate for council member, using the person's existing  
181 residence or by changing the person's residence, not less than  
182 fifteen (15) days before the first party primary or special party  
183 primary, as the case may be, notwithstanding any other residency  
184 or qualification requirements to the contrary.

185           (b) The council or board existing at the time of the  
186 adoption of the mayor-council form of government shall designate  
187 the geographical boundaries of the wards within one hundred twenty  
188 (120) days after the election in which the mayor-council form of  
189 government is selected. In designating the geographical  
190 boundaries of the wards, each ward shall contain, as nearly as  
191 possible, the population factor obtained by dividing the  
192 municipality's population as shown by the most recent decennial  
193 census by the number of wards into which the municipality is to be  
194 divided.





195           (c) (i) It shall be the mandatory duty of the council  
196 to redistrict the municipality by ordinance, which ordinance may  
197 not be vetoed by the mayor, within six (6) months after the  
198 official publication by the United States of the population of the  
199 municipality as enumerated in each decennial census, and within  
200 six (6) months after the effective date of any expansion of  
201 municipal boundaries; however, if the publication of the most  
202 recent decennial census or effective date of an expansion of the  
203 municipal boundaries occurs six (6) months or more before the  
204 first party primary of a general municipal election, then the  
205 council shall redistrict the municipality by ordinance not less  
206 than sixty (60) days before the first party primary.

207           (ii) If the publication of the most recent  
208 decennial census occurs less than six (6) months before the first  
209 primary of a general municipal election, the election shall be  
210 held with regard to the existing defined wards; reapportioned  
211 wards based on the census shall not serve as the basis for  
212 representation until the next regularly scheduled election in  
213 which council members shall be elected.

214           (d) If annexation of additional territory into the  
215 municipal corporate limits of the municipality occurs less than  
216 six (6) months before the first party primary of a general  
217 municipal election, the council shall, by ordinance adopted within  
218 three (3) days of the effective date of the annexation, assign the  
219 annexed territory to an adjacent ward or wards so as to maintain



220 as nearly as possible substantial equality of population between  
221 wards; any subsequent redistricting of the municipality by  
222 ordinance as required by this chapter shall not serve as the basis  
223 for representation until the next regularly scheduled election for  
224 municipal council members.

225 (5) Vacancies occurring in the council shall be filled as  
226 provided in Section 23-15-857.

227 (6) The mayor shall maintain an office at the city hall.  
228 The council members shall not maintain individual offices at the  
229 city hall; however, in a municipality having a population of one  
230 hundred thousand (100,000) and above according to the latest  
231 federal decennial census, council members may have individual  
232 offices in the city hall. Clerical work of council members in the  
233 performance of the duties of their office shall be performed by  
234 municipal employees or at municipal expense, and council members  
235 shall be reimbursed for the reasonable expenses incurred in the  
236 performance of the duties of their office.

237 **SECTION 6.** Section 21-9-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
238 brought forward as follows:

239 21-9-15. (1) (a) The legislative power of any city in  
240 which the council-manager plan of government is in effect under  
241 this chapter shall be vested in a council consisting of a mayor  
242 and five (5) councilmen.

243 (b) Any city with a larger or smaller number of  
244 councilmen, prior to September 30, 1962, may retain this larger or



245 smaller number of councilmen or may adopt the council size of five  
246 (5) as prescribed herein. This option shall be exercised through  
247 the enactment of an appropriate ordinance by the municipal  
248 governing body prior to the election to adopt the council-manager  
249 plan of government. In the event the council fails to exercise  
250 this option, the council shall consist of five (5) councilmen.

251 (c) At the next regular municipal election which takes  
252 place after the adoption of the council-manager form of  
253 government, the mayor shall be elected at large by the voters of  
254 the entire city. Also, the councilmen shall be elected at large  
255 by the voters of the entire city to represent a city-wide  
256 district, or each of four (4) councilmen may be elected from a  
257 ward to represent such ward and one (1) councilman may be elected  
258 to represent a city-wide district. This option shall be exercised  
259 by an appropriate ordinance enacted by the city governing body  
260 prior to the election to adopt the council-manager plan of  
261 government. In the event the council fails to exercise this  
262 option, the councilmen shall be elected at large to represent the  
263 city-wide district. In its discretion at any time after adoption  
264 and implementation of the council-manager plan of government the  
265 council may provide for the election of councilmen by wards as  
266 provided herein, which shall become effective at the next  
267 regularly scheduled election for city councilmen.

268 (d) Councilmen elected to represent wards must be  
269 residents of their wards; and in cities having more or fewer than



270 five (5) councilmen, prior to September 30, 1962, the city  
271 governing body shall determine the number of councilmen to  
272 represent the wards and the number of councilmen to represent the  
273 city-wide district.

274 (e) The council of any municipality having a population  
275 exceeding forty-five thousand (45,000) inhabitants according to  
276 the 1970 decennial census which is situated in a Class 1 county  
277 bordering on the State of Alabama and which is governed by a  
278 council-manager plan of government on January 1, 1977, may, in its  
279 discretion, adopt an ordinance to require the election of four (4)  
280 of the five (5) council members from wards and not from the city  
281 at large. The four (4) council members shall be elected one (1)  
282 each from the wards in which they reside in the municipality, and  
283 shall be elected only by the registered voters residing within the  
284 ward in which the council member resides. The mayor and fifth  
285 council member may continue to be elected from the city at large.  
286 Any council member who shall remove his residence from the ward  
287 from which he was elected shall, by operation of law, vacate his  
288 seat on the council.

289 After publication of the population of the municipality  
290 according to the 1980 decennial census, the governing authorities  
291 of the municipality shall designate the geographical boundaries of  
292 new wards as provided in this subparagraph. Each ward shall  
293 contain as nearly as possible the population factor obtained by  
294 dividing by four (4) the city's population as shown by the 1980



295 and each most recent decennial census thereafter. It shall be the  
296 mandatory duty of the council to redistrict the city by ordinance,  
297 which ordinance may not be vetoed by the mayor, within six (6)  
298 months after the official publication by the United States of the  
299 population of the city as enumerated in each decennial census, and  
300 within six (6) months after the effective date of any expansion of  
301 municipal boundaries; provided, however, if the publication of the  
302 most recent decennial census or effective date of an expansion of  
303 the municipal boundaries occurs six (6) months or more prior to  
304 the first primary of a general municipal election, then the  
305 council shall redistrict the city by ordinance within at least  
306 sixty (60) days of such first primary. If the publication of the  
307 most recent decennial census occurs less than six (6) months prior  
308 to the first primary of a general municipal election, the election  
309 shall be held with regard to currently defined wards; and  
310 reapportioned wards based on the census shall not serve as the  
311 basis for representation until the next regularly scheduled  
312 election in which council members shall be elected. If annexation  
313 of additional territory into the municipal corporate limits of the  
314 city shall occur less than six (6) months prior to the first  
315 primary of a general municipal election, the city council shall,  
316 by ordinance adopted within three (3) days of the effective date  
317 of such annexation, assign such annexed territory to an adjacent  
318 ward or wards so as to maintain as nearly as possible substantial  
319 equality of population between wards. Any subsequent



320 redistricting of the city by ordinance as required by this section  
321 shall not serve as the basis for representation until the next  
322 regularly scheduled election for city councilmen.

323 (2) However, in any municipality situated in a Class 1  
324 county bordering on the Mississippi Sound and the State of  
325 Alabama, traversed by U.S. Highway 90, the legislative power of  
326 such municipality in which the council-manager plan of government  
327 is in effect shall be vested in a council consisting of a mayor  
328 and six (6) councilmen. In the next regular municipal election in  
329 such municipality, the mayor shall be elected at large by the  
330 voters of the entire municipality. Also, the councilmen shall be  
331 elected at large by the voters of the entire municipality to  
332 represent a municipality-wide district, or each of five (5)  
333 councilmen may be elected from one (1) of five (5) wards to  
334 represent said ward and one (1) councilman shall be elected to  
335 represent a municipality-wide district. This option as to wards  
336 shall be exercised by an appropriate ordinance enacted by the  
337 municipal governing body. In the event the council fails to  
338 exercise this option, the councilmen shall be elected at large to  
339 represent the municipality-wide district. Councilmen elected to  
340 represent wards must be residents of their wards.

341 The method of electing the mayor and councilmen shall be the  
342 same as otherwise provided by law except as provided in this  
343 chapter. The mayor and councilmen elected hereunder shall hold  
344 office for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are



345 elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to the office  
346 of mayor or councilman unless he is a qualified elector of such  
347 city.

348 (3) (a) In the event a city with a population of one  
349 hundred thousand (100,000) or more inhabitants according to the  
350 last decennial census adopts the council-manager form of  
351 government, the legislative power of said city shall be vested in  
352 a council consisting of a mayor and eight (8) councilmen.

353 (b) At the next regular municipal election which takes  
354 place after the adoption of the council-manager form of  
355 government, the mayor shall be elected at large by the voters of  
356 the entire municipality. The municipality shall be divided into  
357 five (5) wards with one (1) councilman to be elected from each  
358 ward by the voters of that ward, and three (3) councilmen to be  
359 elected from the municipality at large. Councilmen elected to  
360 represent wards must be residents of their wards at the time of  
361 qualification for election, and any councilman who removes his  
362 residence from the city or from the ward from which he was elected  
363 shall vacate his office.

364 (c) It shall be the duty of the municipal governing  
365 body existing at the time of the adoption of the council-manager  
366 form of government to designate the geographical boundaries of the  
367 five (5) wards within sixty (60) days after the election in which  
368 the council-manager form is selected. In designating the  
369 geographical boundaries of the five (5) wards, each ward shall



370 contain as nearly as possible the population factor obtained by  
371 dividing by five (5) the city's population as shown by the most  
372 recent decennial census. It shall be the mandatory duty of the  
373 council to redistrict the city by ordinance, which ordinance may  
374 not be vetoed by the mayor, within six (6) months after the  
375 official publication by the United States of the population of the  
376 city as enumerated in each decennial census, and within six (6)  
377 months after the effective date of any expansion of municipal  
378 boundaries; however, if the publication of the most recent  
379 decennial census or effective date of an expansion of the  
380 municipal boundaries occurs six (6) months or more prior to the  
381 first primary of a general municipal election, then the council  
382 shall redistrict the city by ordinance within at least sixty (60)  
383 days of such first primary. If the publication of the most recent  
384 decennial census occurs less than six (6) months prior to the  
385 first primary of a general municipal election, the election shall  
386 be held with regard to currently defined wards; and reapportioned  
387 wards based on the census shall not serve as the basis for  
388 representation until the next regularly scheduled election in  
389 which city councilmen shall be elected. If annexation of  
390 additional territory into the municipal corporate limits of the  
391 city shall occur less than six (6) months prior to the first  
392 primary of a general municipal election, the city council shall,  
393 by ordinance adopted within three (3) days of the effective date  
394 of such annexation, assign such annexed territory to an adjacent





395 ward or wards so as to maintain as nearly as possible substantial  
396 equality of population between wards; any subsequent redistricting  
397 of the city by ordinance as required by this section shall not  
398 serve as the basis for representation until the next regularly  
399 scheduled election for city councilmen.

400 (4) The method of electing the mayor and councilmen shall be  
401 the same as otherwise provided by law, except as provided in this  
402 chapter. The mayor and councilmen elected hereunder shall hold  
403 office for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are  
404 elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to the office  
405 of mayor or councilman unless he is a qualified elector of such  
406 city.

407 **SECTION 7.** Section 23-15-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
408 brought forward as follows:

409 23-15-39. (1) Applications for registration as electors of  
410 this state, which are sworn to and subscribed before the registrar  
411 or deputy registrar authorized by law and which are not made by  
412 mail, shall be made upon a form established by rule duly adopted  
413 by the Secretary of State.

414 (2) The boards of supervisors shall make proper allowances  
415 for office supplies reasonably necessitated by the registration of  
416 county electors.

417 (3) If the applicant indicates on the application that he or  
418 she resides within the city limits of a city or town in the county  
419 of registration, the county registrar shall process the



420 application for registration or changes to the registration as  
421 provided by law.

422 (4) If the applicant indicates on the application that he or  
423 she has previously registered to vote in another county of this  
424 state or another state, notice to the voter's previous county of  
425 registration in this state shall be provided by the Statewide  
426 Elections Management System. If the voter's previous place of  
427 registration was in another state, notice shall be provided to the  
428 voter's previous state of residence if the Statewide Elections  
429 Management System has that capability.

430 (5) The county registrar shall provide to the person making  
431 the application a copy of the application upon which has been  
432 written the county voting precinct and municipal voting precinct,  
433 if any, in which the person shall vote. Upon entry of the voter  
434 registration information into the Statewide Elections Management  
435 System, the system shall assign a voter registration number to the  
436 person, and the county registrar shall mail the applicant a voter  
437 registration card to the mailing address provided on the  
438 application.

439 (6) Any person desiring an application for registration may  
440 secure an application from the registrar of the county of which he  
441 or she is a resident and may take the application with him or her  
442 and secure assistance in completing the application from any  
443 person of the applicant's choice. It shall be the duty of all  
444 registrars to furnish applications for registration to all persons



445 requesting them, and it shall likewise be the registrar's duty to  
446 furnish aid and assistance in the completing of the application  
447 when requested by an applicant. The application for registration  
448 shall be sworn to and subscribed before the registrar or deputy  
449 registrar at the municipal clerk's office, the county registrar's  
450 office or any other location where the applicant is allowed to  
451 register to vote. The registrar shall not charge a fee or cost to  
452 the applicant for accepting the application or administering the  
453 oath or for any other duty imposed by law regarding the  
454 registration of electors.

455 (7) If the person making the application is unable to read  
456 or write, for reason of disability or otherwise, he or she shall  
457 not be required to personally complete the application in writing  
458 and execute the oath. In such cases, the registrar or deputy  
459 registrar shall read the application and oath to the person and  
460 the person's answers thereto shall be recorded by the registrar or  
461 the registrar's deputy. The person shall be registered as an  
462 elector if he or she otherwise meets the requirements to be  
463 registered as an elector. The registrar shall record the  
464 responses of the person and the recorded responses shall be  
465 retained permanently by the registrar. The county registrar shall  
466 enter the voter registration information into the Statewide  
467 Elections Management System and designate the entry as an assisted  
468 filing.



469           (8) The receipt of a copy of the application for  
470 registration sent pursuant to Section 23-15-35(2) shall be  
471 sufficient to allow the applicant to be registered as an elector  
472 of this state, if the application is not challenged.

473           (9) In any case in which the corporate boundaries of a  
474 municipality change, whether by annexation or redistricting, the  
475 municipal clerk shall, within ten (10) days after approval of the  
476 change in corporate boundaries, provide to the county registrar  
477 conforming geographic data that is compatible with the Statewide  
478 Elections Management System. The data shall be developed by the  
479 municipality's use of a standardized format specified by the  
480 Statewide Elections Management System. The county registrar,  
481 county election commissioner or other county official, who has  
482 completed an annual training seminar sponsored by the Secretary of  
483 State pertaining to the implementation of new boundary lines in  
484 the Statewide Elections Management System and received  
485 certification for that training, shall update the municipal  
486 boundary information into the Statewide Elections Management  
487 System. The Statewide Elections Management System updates the  
488 municipal voter registration records and assigns electors to their  
489 municipal voting precincts. The county registrar shall forward to  
490 the municipal clerk written notification of the additions and  
491 changes, and the municipal clerk shall forward to the affected  
492 municipal electors written notification of the additions and  
493 changes.



494           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
495 and after July 1, 2018.

