

By: Representatives Denny, Sykes

To: Apportionment and  
Elections; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 64

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-153 AND 23-15-239, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE PER DIEM PAID TO ELECTION  
3 COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES ON NONELECTION  
4 DAYS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 23-15-153. (1) At least during the following times, the  
9 election commissioners shall meet at the office of the registrar  
10 or the office of the election commissioners to carefully revise  
11 the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the  
12 Statewide Elections Management System and remove from the roll the  
13 names of all voters who have requested to be purged from the voter  
14 roll, died, received an adjudication of non compos mentis, been  
15 convicted of a disenfranchising crime, or otherwise become  
16 disqualified as electors for any cause, and shall register the  
17 names of all persons who have duly applied to be registered but  
18 have been illegally denied registration:



19 (a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January  
20 1987 and every following year;

21 (b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately  
22 preceding the first primary election for members of Congress in  
23 the years when members of Congress are elected;

24 (c) On the first Monday in the month immediately  
25 preceding the first primary election for state, state district  
26 legislative, county and county district offices in the years in  
27 which those offices are elected; and

28 (d) On the second Monday of September preceding the  
29 general election or regular special election day in years in which  
30 a general election is not conducted.

31 Except for the names of those voters who are duly qualified  
32 to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain in  
33 the Statewide Elections Management System; however, no name shall  
34 be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System based on  
35 a change in the residence of an elector except in accordance with  
36 procedures provided for by the National Voter Registration Act of  
37 1993. Except as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-573, no  
38 person shall vote at any election whose name is not in the county  
39 voter roll electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections  
40 Management System.

41 (2) Except as provided in this section, and subject to the  
42 following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be  
43 entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of \* \* \* One Hundred



44 Dollars (\$100.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for  
45 every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated  
46 over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of  
47 their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in  
48 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in  
49 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained  
50 by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in  
51 subsection (1) of this section:

52           (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand  
53 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
54 census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than  
55 fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
56 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

57           (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)  
58 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
59 less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the  
60 latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75)  
61 days per year, with no more than twenty-five (25) additional days  
62 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)  
63 occurring in any calendar year;

64           (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)  
65 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
66 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the  
67 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100)  
68 days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days



69 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)  
70 occurring in any calendar year;

71 (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)  
72 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
73 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the  
74 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred  
75 twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45)  
76 additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess  
77 of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

78 (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)  
79 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
80 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents  
81 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
82 one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than  
83 fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
84 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

85 (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand  
86 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
87 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents  
88 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
89 one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than  
90 sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
91 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

92 (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)  
93 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but



94 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents  
95 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
96 one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than  
97 seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
98 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

99 (h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand  
100 (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
101 census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)  
102 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not  
103 more than two hundred fifteen (215) days per year, with no more  
104 than eighty-five (85) additional days allowed for the conduct of  
105 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

106 (i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand  
107 (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
108 census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000)  
109 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not  
110 more than two hundred thirty (230) days per year, with no more  
111 than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of  
112 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

113 (j) In counties having two hundred seventy-five  
114 thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal  
115 decennial census or more, not more than two hundred forty (240)  
116 days per year, with no more than one hundred five (105) additional  
117 days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)  
118 occurring in any calendar year.



119           (3) In addition to the number of days authorized in  
120 subsection (2) of this section, the board of supervisors of a  
121 county may authorize, in its discretion, the election  
122 commissioners to receive a per diem in the amount provided for in  
123 subsection (2) of this section, to be paid from the county general  
124 fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours  
125 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the  
126 performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or  
127 actually employed in the performance of their duties for the  
128 necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as  
129 electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management  
130 System as required in subsection (1) of this section, for not to  
131 exceed five (5) days.

132           (4) (a) The election commissioners shall be entitled to  
133 receive a per diem in the amount of \* \* \* One Hundred Dollars  
134 (\$100.00), to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed  
135 ten (10) days for every day or period of no less than five (5)  
136 hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in  
137 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in  
138 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained  
139 by the Statewide Elections Management System before any special  
140 election. For purposes of this paragraph, the regular special  
141 election day shall not be considered a special election. The  
142 annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section  
143 shall not apply to this paragraph.



144           (b) The election commissioners shall be entitled to  
145 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars  
146 (\$150.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for the  
147 performance of their duties on the day of any general or special  
148 election. The annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of  
149 this section shall apply to this paragraph.

150           (5) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive  
151 a per diem in the amount of \* \* \* One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00),  
152 to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed fourteen  
153 (14) days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours  
154 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the  
155 performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the  
156 revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by  
157 the Statewide Elections Management System and in the conduct of a  
158 runoff election following either a general or special election.

159           (6) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive  
160 only one (1) per diem payment for those days when the election  
161 commissioners discharge more than one (1) duty or responsibility  
162 on the same day.

163           (7) In preparation for a municipal primary, runoff, general  
164 or special election, the county registrar shall generate and  
165 distribute the master voter roll and pollbooks from the Statewide  
166 Elections Management System for the municipality located within  
167 the county. The municipality shall pay the county registrar for  
168 the actual cost of preparing and printing the municipal master



169 voter roll pollbooks. A municipality may secure "read only"  
170 access to the Statewide Elections Management System and print its  
171 own pollbooks using this information.

172 (8) County election commissioners who perform the duties of  
173 an executive committee with regard to the conduct of a primary  
174 election under a written agreement authorized by law to be entered  
175 into with an executive committee shall receive per diem as  
176 provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The days that  
177 county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of a  
178 primary election shall be treated the same as days county election  
179 commissioners are employed in the conduct of other elections.

180 (9) In addition to any per diem authorized by this section,  
181 any election commissioner shall be entitled to the mileage  
182 reimbursement rate allowable to federal employees for the use of a  
183 privately owned vehicle while on official travel on election day.

184 (10) Every election commissioner shall sign personally a  
185 certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked in  
186 the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for  
187 which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must  
188 be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's  
189 signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's  
190 oath of office and under penalties of perjury.

191 The certification form shall be as follows:

192 **COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

193 **PER DIEM CLAIM FORM**





194 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

195 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

196 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

| 197 |        | PURPOSE   | APPLICABLE | ACTUAL | PER DIEM |        |        |
|-----|--------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| 198 | DATE   | BEGINNING | ENDING     | OF     | MS CODE  | HOURS  | DAYS   |
| 199 | WORKED | TIME      | TIME       | WORK   | SECTION  | WORKED | EARNED |

200 \_\_\_\_\_

201 \_\_\_\_\_

202 \_\_\_\_\_

203 TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

204 EXCLUDING ELECTION DAYS \_\_\_\_\_

205 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X

206 \$ \* \* \* 100.00

207 TOTAL NUMBER PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

208 FOR ELECTION DAYS \_\_\_\_\_

209 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$150.00

210 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PER DIEM CLAIMED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

211 I understand that I am signing this document under my oath as  
212 an election commissioner and under penalties of perjury.

213 I understand that I am requesting payment from taxpayer funds  
214 and that I have an obligation to be specific and truthful as to  
215 the amount of hours worked and the compensation I am requesting.

216 Signed this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

217 \_\_\_\_\_

218 Commissioner's Signature



219           When properly completed and signed, the certification must be  
220 filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors before any  
221 payment may be made. The certification will be a public record  
222 available for inspection and reproduction immediately upon the  
223 oral or written request of any person.

224           Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in  
225 any respect by notifying the chair of the commission, any member  
226 of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of  
227 supervisors of the contest at any time before or after payment is  
228 made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment  
229 shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is  
230 finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be  
231 entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of  
232 supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor  
233 compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents  
234 and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo  
235 to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be  
236 perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the  
237 commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of  
238 supervisors, as the case may be.

239           Any contestor who successfully contests any certification  
240 will be awarded all expenses incident to his or her contest,  
241 together with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded  
242 upon petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon  
243 final disposition of the contest before the election commission,



244 board of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in  
245 case of an appeal, final disposition by the court. The  
246 commissioner against whom the contest is decided shall be liable  
247 for the payment of the expenses and attorney's fees, and the  
248 county shall be jointly and severally liable for same.

249 (11) Any election commissioner who has not received a  
250 certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section  
251 23-15-211 indicating that the election commissioner has received  
252 the required elections seminar instruction and that the election  
253 commissioner is fully qualified to conduct an election, shall not  
254 receive any compensation authorized by this section or Section  
255 23-15-239.

256 **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-239, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
257 amended as follows:

258 **[Until January 1, 2020, this section shall read as follows:]**

259 23-15-239. (1) The executive committee of each county, in  
260 the case of a primary election, or the election commissioners of  
261 each county, in the case of all other elections, in conjunction  
262 with the circuit clerk, shall, in the years in which counties  
263 conduct an election, sponsor and conduct, not less than five (5)  
264 days before each election, not less than four (4) hours and not  
265 more than eight (8) hours of poll manager training to instruct  
266 poll managers as to their duties in the proper administration of  
267 the election and the operation of the polling place. Any poll  
268 manager who completes the online training course provided by the



269 Secretary of State shall only be required to complete two (2)  
270 hours of in-person poll manager training. No poll manager shall  
271 serve in any election unless he or she has received these  
272 instructions once during the twelve (12) months immediately  
273 preceding the date upon which the election is held; however,  
274 nothing in this section shall prevent the appointment of an  
275 alternate poll manager to fill a vacancy in case of an emergency.  
276 The county executive committee or the election commissioners, as  
277 appropriate, shall train a sufficient number of alternates to  
278 serve in the event a poll manager is unable to serve for any  
279 reason.

280 (2) (a) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
281 county executive committee may enter into a written agreement with  
282 the circuit clerk or the county election commission authorizing  
283 the circuit clerk or the county election commission to perform any  
284 of the duties required of the county executive committee pursuant  
285 to this section. Any agreement entered into pursuant to this  
286 subsection shall be signed by the chair of the county executive  
287 committee and the circuit clerk or the chair of the county  
288 election commission, as appropriate. The county executive  
289 committee shall notify the state executive committee and the  
290 Secretary of State of the existence of the agreement.

291 (b) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
292 municipal executive committee may enter into a written agreement  
293 with the municipal clerk or the municipal election commission



294 authorizing the municipal clerk or the municipal election  
295 commission to perform any of the duties required of the municipal  
296 executive committee pursuant to this section. Any agreement  
297 entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be signed by the  
298 chair of the municipal executive committee and the municipal clerk  
299 or the chair of the municipal election commission, as appropriate.  
300 The municipal executive committee shall notify the state executive  
301 committee and the Secretary of State of the existence of the  
302 agreement.

303 (3) The board of supervisors and the municipal governing  
304 authority, in their discretion, may compensate poll managers who  
305 attend these training sessions. The compensation shall be at a  
306 rate of not less than the federal hourly minimum wage nor more  
307 than Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) per hour. Poll managers shall not be  
308 compensated for more than sixteen (16) hours of attendance at the  
309 training sessions regardless of the actual amount of time that  
310 they attended the training sessions.

311 (4) The time and location of the training sessions required  
312 pursuant to this section shall be announced to the general public  
313 by posting a notice thereof at the courthouse and by delivering a  
314 copy of the notice to the office of a newspaper having general  
315 circulation in the county five (5) days before the date upon which  
316 the training session is to be conducted. Persons who will serve  
317 as poll watchers for candidates and political parties, as well as



318 members of the general public, shall be allowed to attend the  
319 sessions.

320 (5) Subject to the following annual limitations, the  
321 election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in  
322 the amount of \* \* \* One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), to be paid from  
323 the county general fund, for every day or period of no less than  
324 five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually  
325 employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time  
326 spent in conducting training sessions as required by this section:

327 (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand  
328 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
329 census, not more than five (5) days per year;

330 (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)  
331 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
332 less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the  
333 latest federal decennial census, not more than eight (8) days per  
334 year;

335 (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)  
336 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
337 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the  
338 latest federal decennial census, not more than ten (10) days per  
339 year;

340 (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)  
341 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
342 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the



343 latest federal decennial census, not more than twelve (12) days  
344 per year;

345           (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)  
346 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
347 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents  
348 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
349 fifteen (15) days per year;

350           (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand  
351 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
352 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents  
353 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
354 eighteen (18) days per year;

355           (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)  
356 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
357 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents  
358 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
359 nineteen (19) days per year;

360           (h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand  
361 (225,000) residents or more according to the latest federal  
362 decennial census, not more than twenty-two (22) days per  
363 year \* \* \*.

364           (6) Election commissioners shall claim the per diem  
365 authorized in subsection (5) of this section in the manner  
366 provided for in Section 23-15-153(6).



367 (7) (a) To provide poll manager training, the Secretary of  
368 State has developed a single, comprehensive poll manager training  
369 program to ensure uniform, secure elections throughout the state.  
370 The program includes online training on all state and federal  
371 election laws and procedures and voting machine opening and  
372 closing procedures.

373 (b) County election commissioners shall designate no  
374 more than two (2) poll managers per precinct, who shall  
375 individually access and complete the online training program,  
376 including all skills assessments, at least five (5) days before an  
377 election. The poll managers shall be defined as "certified poll  
378 managers," and entitled to a "Certificate of Completion" and  
379 compensation for the successful completion of the training and  
380 skills assessment in the amount of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)  
381 payable from the Help Mississippi Vote Fund. Compensation paid to  
382 any poll manager under this paragraph (b) shall not exceed  
383 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per calendar year.

384 (c) Every election held after January 1, 2018, shall  
385 have at least one (1) certified poll manager appointed by the  
386 county election officials to work in each polling place in the  
387 county during each general election.

388 **[From and after January 1, 2020, this section shall read as**  
389 **follows:]**

390 23-15-239. (1) The executive committee of each county, in  
391 the case of a primary election, or the election commissioners of





392 each county, in the case of all other elections, in conjunction  
393 with the circuit clerk, shall, in the years in which counties  
394 conduct an election, sponsor and conduct, not less than five (5)  
395 days before each election, not less than four (4) hours and not  
396 more than eight (8) hours of poll manager training to instruct  
397 poll managers as to their duties in the proper administration of  
398 the election and the operation of the polling place. Any poll  
399 manager who completes the online training course provided by the  
400 Secretary of State shall only be required to complete two (2)  
401 hours of in-person poll manager training. No poll manager shall  
402 serve in any election unless he or she has received these  
403 instructions once during the twelve (12) months immediately  
404 preceding the date upon which the election is held; however,  
405 nothing in this section shall prevent the appointment of an  
406 alternate poll manager to fill a vacancy in case of an emergency.  
407 The county executive committee or the election commissioners, as  
408 appropriate, shall train a sufficient number of alternates to  
409 serve in the event a poll manager is unable to serve for any  
410 reason.

411 (2) (a) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
412 county executive committee may enter into a written agreement with  
413 the circuit clerk or the county election commission authorizing  
414 the circuit clerk or the county election commission to perform any  
415 of the duties required of the county executive committee pursuant  
416 to this section. Any agreement entered into pursuant to this



417 subsection shall be signed by the chair of the county executive  
418 committee and the circuit clerk or the chair of the county  
419 election commission, as appropriate. The county executive  
420 committee shall notify the state executive committee and the  
421 Secretary of State of the existence of the agreement.

422 (b) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
423 municipal executive committee may enter into a written agreement  
424 with the municipal clerk or the municipal election commission  
425 authorizing the municipal clerk or the municipal election  
426 commission to perform any of the duties required of the municipal  
427 executive committee pursuant to this section. Any agreement  
428 entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be signed by the  
429 chair of the municipal executive committee and the municipal clerk  
430 or the chair of the municipal election commission, as appropriate.  
431 The municipal executive committee shall notify the state executive  
432 committee and the Secretary of State of the existence of the  
433 agreement.

434 (3) The board of supervisors and the municipal governing  
435 authority, in their discretion, may compensate poll managers who  
436 attend these training sessions. The compensation shall be at a  
437 rate of not less than the federal hourly minimum wage nor more  
438 than Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) per hour. Poll managers shall not be  
439 compensated for more than sixteen (16) hours of attendance at the  
440 training sessions regardless of the actual amount of time that  
441 they attended the training sessions.



442 (4) The time and location of the training sessions required  
443 pursuant to this section shall be announced to the general public  
444 by posting a notice thereof at the courthouse and by delivering a  
445 copy of the notice to the office of a newspaper having general  
446 circulation in the county five (5) days before the date upon which  
447 the training session is to be conducted. Persons who will serve  
448 as poll watchers for candidates and political parties, as well as  
449 members of the general public, shall be allowed to attend the  
450 sessions.

451 (5) Subject to the following annual limitations, the  
452 election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in  
453 the amount of \* \* \* One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), to be paid from  
454 the county general fund, for every day or period of no less than  
455 five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually  
456 employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time  
457 spent in conducting training sessions as required by this section:

458 (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand  
459 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
460 census, not more than five (5) days per year;

461 (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)  
462 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
463 less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the  
464 latest federal decennial census, not more than eight (8) days per  
465 year;



466 (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)  
467 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
468 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the  
469 latest federal decennial census, not more than ten (10) days per  
470 year;

471 (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)  
472 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
473 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the  
474 latest federal decennial census, not more than twelve (12) days  
475 per year;

476 (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)  
477 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
478 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents  
479 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
480 fifteen (15) days per year;

481 (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand  
482 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
483 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents  
484 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
485 eighteen (18) days per year;

486 (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)  
487 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
488 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents  
489 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
490 nineteen (19) days per year;



491 (h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand  
492 (225,000) residents or more according to the latest federal  
493 decennial census, not more than twenty-two (22) days per  
494 year \* \* \*.

495 (6) Election commissioners shall claim the per diem  
496 authorized in subsection (5) of this section in the manner  
497 provided for in Section 23-15-153(6).

498 (7) (a) To provide poll manager training, the Secretary of  
499 State has developed a single, comprehensive poll manager training  
500 program to ensure uniform, secure elections throughout the state.  
501 The program includes online training on all state and federal  
502 election laws and procedures and voting machine opening and  
503 closing procedures.

504 (b) County poll managers who individually access and  
505 complete the online training program, including all skills  
506 assessments, at least five (5) days before an election shall be  
507 defined as "certified poll manager," and entitled to a  
508 "Certificate of Completion."

509 (c) At least one (1) certified poll manager shall be  
510 appointed by the county election officials to work in each polling  
511 place in the county during each general election.

512 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
513 and after July 1, 2018.

