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To: Judiciary B;  
Constitution

HOUSE BILL NO. 50

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS OTHERWISE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR AND  
3 HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF VOTE FRAUD, ANY CRIME LISTED IN SECTION 241,  
4 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, OR ANY CRIME INTERPRETED AS  
5 DISENFRANCHISING IN LATER ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS SHALL HAVE HIS  
6 OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE SUSPENDED UPON CONVICTION BUT SHALL HAVE HIS  
7 OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED ONCE HE OR SHE HAS  
8 SATISFIED ALL OF THE SENTENCING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONVICTION; TO  
9 AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-19, 23-15-125, 23-15-151, 23-15-153 AND  
10 23-15-165, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING  
11 SECTION; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 97-39-3 AND 99-19-37,  
12 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT;  
13 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

17 23-15-11. (1) Every inhabitant of this state, except  
18 persons adjudicated to be non compos mentis, shall be a qualified  
19 elector in and for the county, municipality and voting precinct of  
20 his or her residence and shall be entitled to vote at any election  
21 upon compliance with Section 23-15-563, if he or she is:

22 (a) \* \* \* A citizen of the United States of  
23 America \* \* \*;



24           (b) Eighteen (18) years old and upwards \* \* \*;

25           (c) \* \* \* A resident in this state for thirty (30) days  
26 and for thirty (30) days in the county in which he or she seeks to  
27 vote, and for thirty (30) days in the incorporated municipality in  
28 which he or she seeks to vote \* \* \*; and

29           (d) \* \* \* Duly registered as an elector under Section  
30 23-15-33 \* \* \*.

31           (2) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector under the  
32 provisions of subsection (1) and has been convicted of vote fraud,  
33 any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890,  
34 or any crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney  
35 General opinions shall have his or her right to vote suspended  
36 upon conviction but shall have his or her right to vote  
37 automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of the  
38 sentencing requirements of the conviction.

39           (3) Any person who will be eighteen (18) years of age or  
40 older on or before the date of the general election and who is  
41 duly registered to vote not less than thirty (30) days before the  
42 primary election associated with the general election, may vote in  
43 the primary election even though the person has not reached his or  
44 her eighteenth birthday at the time that the person seeks to vote  
45 at the primary election.

46           (4) No others than those specified in this section shall be  
47 entitled, or shall be allowed, to vote at any election.



48           **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
49 amended as follows:

50           23-15-19. Any person who has been convicted of vote fraud or  
51 any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890,  
52 such crimes defined as "disenfranchising," shall \* \* \* have his or  
53 her right to vote suspended upon conviction but shall have his or  
54 her right to vote automatically restored once he or she has  
55 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction.

56 Whenever any person shall be convicted in the circuit court of his  
57 or her county of a disenfranchising crime, the county registrar  
58 shall thereupon remove his or her name from the Statewide  
59 Elections Management System \* \* \* until he or she has satisfied  
60 all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Whenever  
61 any person shall be convicted of a disenfranchising crime in any  
62 other court of any county, the presiding judge of the court shall,  
63 on demand, certify the fact in writing to the registrar of the  
64 county in which the voter resides, who shall \* \* \* remove the name  
65 of the person from the Statewide Elections Management System and  
66 retain the certificate as a record of his or her office until he  
67 or she has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the  
68 conviction.

69           **SECTION 3.** Section 23-15-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
70 amended as follows:

71           23-15-125. The pollbook of each voting precinct shall  
72 designate the voting precinct for which it is to be used, and



73 shall be ruled in appropriate columns, with printed or written  
74 headings, as follows: date of registration; voter registration  
75 number; name of electors; date of birth; and a number of blank  
76 columns for the dates of elections. All qualified applicants who  
77 register with the registrar shall be entered in the Statewide  
78 Elections Management System. Only the names of those qualified  
79 applicants who register within thirty (30) days before an election  
80 shall appear on the pollbooks of the election; however, if the  
81 thirtieth day to register before an election falls on a Sunday or  
82 legal holiday, the registration applications submitted on the  
83 business day immediately following the legal holiday shall be  
84 accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections Management System  
85 for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in the next election.  
86 When county election commissioners determine that any elector is  
87 disqualified from voting, by reason of death, conviction of a  
88 disenfranchising crime, removal from the jurisdiction, or other  
89 legal cause, that fact shall be noted in the Statewide Elections  
90 Management System and the voter's name shall be removed from the  
91 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and  
92 the county's pollbooks. Nothing in this section shall preclude  
93 the use of electronic pollbooks. A person who is otherwise a  
94 qualified elector under the provisions of Section 23-15-11 and has  
95 been convicted of vote fraud, any crime listed in Section 241,  
96 Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or any crime interpreted as  
97 disenfranchising in later Attorney General opinions shall have his



98 or her right to vote suspended upon conviction but shall have his  
99 or her right to vote automatically restored once he or she has  
100 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction.  
101 Once the person has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements,  
102 the voter's name shall be automatically restored into the  
103 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and  
104 the county's pollbooks.

105       **SECTION 4.** Section 23-15-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
106 amended as follows:

107       23-15-151. The circuit clerk of each county is authorized  
108 and directed to prepare and keep in his or her office a full and  
109 complete list, in alphabetical order, of persons convicted of  
110 voter fraud or of any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi  
111 Constitution of 1890. A certified copy of any enrollment by one  
112 clerk to another will be sufficient authority for the enrollment  
113 of the name, or names, in another county. A list of persons  
114 convicted of voter fraud, any crime listed in Section 241,  
115 Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or any crime interpreted as  
116 disenfranchising in later Attorney General opinions, shall also be  
117 entered into the Statewide Elections Management System on a  
118 quarterly basis. \* \* \* A person who is otherwise a qualified  
119 elector under the provisions of Section 23-15-11 and has been  
120 convicted of vote fraud, any crime listed in Section 241,  
121 Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or of any crime interpreted as  
122 disenfranchising in later Attorney General opinions shall have his



123 or her right to vote suspended upon conviction but shall have his  
124 or her right to vote automatically restored once he or she has  
125 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction.  
126 Once the person has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements,  
127 the voter's name shall be automatically restored into the  
128 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and  
129 the county's pollbooks.

130       **SECTION 5.** Section 23-15-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
131 amended as follows:

132       23-15-153. (1) At least during the following times, the  
133 election commissioners shall meet at the office of the registrar  
134 or the office of the election commissioners to carefully revise  
135 the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the  
136 Statewide Elections Management System and remove from the roll the  
137 names of all voters who have requested to be purged from the voter  
138 roll, died, received an adjudication of non compos mentis, been  
139 convicted of a disenfranchising crime and had his or her right to  
140 vote suspended, or otherwise become disqualified as electors for  
141 any cause, and shall register the names of all persons who have  
142 duly applied to be registered but have been illegally denied  
143 registration:

144           (a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January  
145 1987 and every following year;



146 (b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately  
147 preceding the first primary election for members of Congress in  
148 the years when members of Congress are elected;

149 (c) On the first Monday in the month immediately  
150 preceding the first primary election for state, state district  
151 legislative, county and county district offices in the years in  
152 which those offices are elected; and

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

156 Except for the names of those voters who are duly qualified  
157 to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain in  
158 the Statewide Elections Management System; however, no name shall  
159 be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System based on  
160 a change in the residence of an elector except in accordance with  
161 procedures provided for by the National Voter Registration Act of  
162 1993. Except as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-573, no  
163 person shall vote at any election whose name is not in the county  
164 voter roll electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections  
165 Management System.

166 (2) Except as provided in this section, and subject to the  
167 following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be  
168 entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred  
169 Dollars (\$100.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for  
170 every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated



171 over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of  
172 their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in  
173 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in  
174 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained  
175 by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in  
176 subsection (1) of this section:

177           (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand  
178 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
179 census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than  
180 fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
181 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

182           (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)  
183 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
184 less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the  
185 latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75)  
186 days per year, with no more than twenty-five (25) additional days  
187 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)  
188 occurring in any calendar year;

189           (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)  
190 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
191 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the  
192 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100)  
193 days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days  
194 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)  
195 occurring in any calendar year;





196 (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)  
197 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
198 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the  
199 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred  
200 twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45)  
201 additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess  
202 of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

203 (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)  
204 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
205 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents  
206 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
207 one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than  
208 fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
209 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

210 (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand  
211 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
212 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents  
213 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
214 one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than  
215 sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
216 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

217 (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)  
218 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
219 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents  
220 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than



221 one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than  
222 seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
223 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

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

231 (i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand  
232 (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
233 census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000)  
234 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not  
235 more than two hundred thirty (230) days per year, with no more  
236 than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of  
237 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

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

244 (3) In addition to the number of days authorized in  
245 subsection (2) of this section, the board of supervisors of a



246 county may authorize, in its discretion, the election  
247 commissioners to receive a per diem in the amount provided for in  
248 subsection (2) of this section, to be paid from the county general  
249 fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours  
250 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the  
251 performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or  
252 actually employed in the performance of their duties for the  
253 necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as  
254 electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management  
255 System as required in subsection (1) of this section, \* \* \* not to  
256 exceed five (5) days.

257 (4) (a) The election commissioners shall be entitled to  
258 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00),  
259 to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed ten (10)  
260 days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours  
261 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the  
262 performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the  
263 revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by  
264 the Statewide Elections Management System before any special  
265 election. For purposes of this paragraph, the regular special  
266 election day shall not be considered a special election. The  
267 annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section  
268 shall not apply to this paragraph.

269 (b) The election commissioners shall be entitled to  
270 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars



271 (\$150.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for the  
272 performance of their duties on the day of any general or special  
273 election. The annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of  
274 this section shall apply to this paragraph.

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

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

288 (7) In preparation for a municipal primary, runoff, general  
289 or special election, the county registrar shall generate and  
290 distribute the master voter roll and pollbooks from the Statewide  
291 Elections Management System for the municipality located within  
292 the county. The municipality shall pay the county registrar for  
293 the actual cost of preparing and printing the municipal master  
294 voter roll pollbooks. A municipality may secure "read only"



295 access to the Statewide Elections Management System and print its  
296 own pollbooks using this information.

297 (8) County election commissioners who perform the duties of  
298 an executive committee with regard to the conduct of a primary  
299 election under a written agreement authorized by law to be entered  
300 into with an executive committee shall receive per diem as  
301 provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The days that  
302 county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of a  
303 primary election shall be treated the same as days county election  
304 commissioners are employed in the conduct of other elections.

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

309 (10) Every election commissioner shall sign personally a  
310 certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked in  
311 the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for  
312 which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must  
313 be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's  
314 signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's  
315 oath of office and under penalties of perjury.

316 The certification form shall be as follows:

317 **COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

318 **PER DIEM CLAIM FORM**

319 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_



320 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

321 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

322 PURPOSE APPLICABLE ACTUAL PER DIEM

323 DATE BEGINNING ENDING OF MS CODE HOURS DAYS

324 WORKED TIME TIME WORK SECTION WORKED EARNED

325 \_\_\_\_\_

326 \_\_\_\_\_

327 \_\_\_\_\_

328 TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

329 EXCLUDING ELECTION DAYS \_\_\_\_\_

330 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$100.00

331 TOTAL NUMBER PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

332 FOR ELECTION DAYS \_\_\_\_\_

333 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$150.00

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

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

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

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

341 \_\_\_\_\_

342 Commissioner's Signature

343 When properly completed and signed, the certification must be  
344 filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors before any



345 payment may be made. The certification will be a public record  
346 available for inspection and reproduction immediately upon the  
347 oral or written request of any person.

348 Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in  
349 any respect by notifying the chair of the commission, any member  
350 of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of  
351 supervisors of the contest at any time before or after payment is  
352 made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment  
353 shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is  
354 finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be  
355 entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of  
356 supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor  
357 compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents  
358 and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo  
359 to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be  
360 perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the  
361 commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of  
362 supervisors, as the case may be.

363 Any contestor who successfully contests any certification  
364 will be awarded all expenses incident to his or her contest,  
365 together with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded  
366 upon petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon  
367 final disposition of the contest before the election commission,  
368 board of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in  
369 case of an appeal, final disposition by the court. The



370 commissioner against whom the contest is decided shall be liable  
371 for the payment of the expenses and attorney's fees, and the  
372 county shall be jointly and severally liable for same.

373 (11) Any election commissioner who has not received a  
374 certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section  
375 23-15-211 indicating that the election commissioner has received  
376 the required elections seminar instruction and that the election  
377 commissioner is fully qualified to conduct an election, shall not  
378 receive any compensation authorized by this section or Section  
379 23-15-239.

380 **SECTION 6.** Section 23-15-165, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
381 amended as follows:

382 23-15-165. (1) The Office of the Secretary of State, in  
383 cooperation with the county registrars and election commissioners,  
384 shall procure, implement and maintain an electronic information  
385 processing system and programs capable of maintaining a  
386 centralized database of all registered voters in the state. The  
387 system shall encompass software and hardware, at both the state  
388 and county level, software development training, conversion and  
389 support and maintenance for the system. This system shall be  
390 known as the "Statewide Elections Management System" and shall  
391 constitute the official record of registered voters in every  
392 county of the state.





393 (2) The Office of the Secretary of State shall develop and  
394 implement the Statewide Elections Management System so that the  
395 registrar and election commissioners of each county shall:

396 (a) Verify that an applicant that is registering to  
397 vote in that county is not registered to vote in another county;

398 (b) Be notified automatically that a registered voter  
399 in its county has registered to vote in another county;

400 (c) Receive regular reports of death, changes of  
401 address and convictions for disenfranchising crimes, which cause a  
402 voter to have his or her right to vote suspended, that apply to  
403 voters registered in the county; \* \* \*

404 (d) Receive regular reports of voters who have  
405 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of his or her  
406 conviction and automatically restore the voter's name into the  
407 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and  
408 the county's pollbooks; and

409 ( \* \* \*e) Retain all present functionality related to,  
410 but not limited to, the use of voter roll data and to implement  
411 such other functionality as the law requires to enhance the  
412 maintenance of accurate county voter records and related jury  
413 selection and redistricting programs.

414 (3) As a part of the procurement and implementation of the  
415 system, the Office of the Secretary of State shall, with the  
416 assistance of the advisory committee, procure services necessary  
417 to convert current voter registration records in the counties into



418 a standard, industry accepted file format that can be used on the  
419 Statewide Elections Management System. Thereafter, all official  
420 voter information shall be maintained on the Statewide Elections  
421 Management System. The standard industry accepted format of data  
422 was reviewed and approved by a majority of the advisory committee  
423 created in subsection (5) of this section after consultation with  
424 the Circuit Clerks Association and the format may not be changed  
425 without consulting the Circuit Clerks Association.

426 (4) The Secretary of State may, with the assistance of the  
427 advisory committee, adopt rules and regulations necessary to  
428 administer the Statewide Elections Management System. The rules  
429 and regulations shall at least:

430 (a) Provide for the establishment and maintenance of a  
431 centralized database for all voter registration information in the  
432 state;

433 (b) Provide procedures for integrating data into the  
434 centralized database;

435 (c) Provide security to ensure that only the registrar,  
436 or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law  
437 may require, can add information to, delete information from and  
438 modify information in the system;

439 (d) Provide the registrar or his or her designee or  
440 other appropriate official, as the law may require, access to the  
441 system at all times, including the ability to download copies of  
442 the industry standard file, for all purposes related to their



443 official duties, including, but not limited to, exclusive access  
444 for the purpose of printing all local pollbooks;

445 (e) Provide security and protection of all information  
446 in the system and monitor the system to ensure that unauthorized  
447 access is not allowed;

448 (f) Provide a procedure that will allow the registrar,  
449 or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law  
450 may require, to identify the precinct to which a voter should be  
451 assigned; and

452 (g) Provide a procedure for phasing in or converting  
453 existing manual and computerized voter registration systems in  
454 counties to the Statewide Elections Management System.

455 (5) The Secretary of State established an advisory committee  
456 to assist in developing system specifications, procurement,  
457 implementation and maintenance of the Statewide Elections  
458 Management System. The committee included two (2) representatives  
459 from the Circuit Clerks Association, appointed by the association;  
460 two (2) representatives from the Election Commissioners  
461 Association of Mississippi, appointed by the association; one (1)  
462 member of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, or its  
463 staff, appointed by the association; the Director of the Stennis  
464 Institute of Government at Mississippi State University, or his or  
465 her designee; the Executive Director of the Department of  
466 Information Technology Services, or his or her designee; two (2)  
467 persons knowledgeable about elections and information technology



468 appointed by the Secretary of State; and the Secretary of State,  
469 who shall serve as the chair of the advisory committee.

470 (6) (a) Social security numbers, telephone numbers and date  
471 of birth and age information in statewide, district, county and  
472 municipal voter registration files shall be exempt from and shall  
473 not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction  
474 under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

475 (b) Copies of statewide, district, county or municipal  
476 voter registration files, excluding social security numbers,  
477 telephone numbers and date of birth and age information, shall be  
478 provided to any person in accordance with the Mississippi Public  
479 Records Act of 1983 at a cost not to exceed the actual cost of  
480 production.

481 **SECTION 7.** Section 97-39-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
482 brought forward as follows:

483 97-39-3. If any person shall fight a duel, or give or accept  
484 a challenge to fight a duel, or knowingly carry or deliver such  
485 challenge or the acceptance thereof, or be second to either party  
486 to any duel, whether such act be done in the state or out of it,  
487 or who shall go out of the state to fight a duel, or to assist in  
488 the same as second, or to send, accept, or carry a challenge,  
489 shall be disqualified from holding any office, be disenfranchised,  
490 and incapable of holding or being elected to any post of honor,  
491 profit or emolument, civil or military, under the constitution and  
492 laws of this state; and the appointment of any such person to



493 office, as also all votes given to any such person, are illegal,  
494 and none of the votes given to such person for any office shall be  
495 taken or counted.

496         **SECTION 8.** Section 99-19-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
497 brought forward as follows:

498         99-19-37. (1) Any person who has lost the right of suffrage  
499 by reason of conviction of crime and has not been pardoned  
500 therefrom, who thereafter served honorably in any branch of the  
501 Armed Forces of the United States during the periods of World War  
502 I or World War II as hereinafter defined and shall have received  
503 an honorable discharge, or release therefrom, shall by reason of  
504 such honorable service, have the full right of suffrage restored,  
505 provided, however, this does not apply to any one having an  
506 unfinished or suspended sentence.

507         (2) For the purposes of this section the period of World War  
508 I shall be from April 6, 1917 to December 1, 1918, and the period  
509 of World War II shall be from December 7, 1941 to December 31,  
510 1946.

511         (3) In order to have restored, and to exercise, the right of  
512 franchise under the provisions of this section a person affected  
513 hereby shall have his discharge, or release, from the Armed Forces  
514 of the United States recorded in the office of the chancery clerk  
515 of the county in which such person desires to exercise the right  
516 of franchise and if such discharge, or release, appears to be an  
517 honorable discharge, or release, and shows such person to have



518 served honorably during either of the periods stated in subsection  
519 (2) of this section such person shall have the full right of  
520 suffrage restored as though an act had been passed by the  
521 Legislature in accordance with Section 253 of the Constitution of  
522 the State of Mississippi restoring the right of suffrage to such  
523 person.

524       **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
525 and after July 1, 2020.

