

**Adopted
AMENDMENT NO 2 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 195

BY: Representative Beckett

1 **AMEND** after line 70 by inserting the following:

2 " **SECTION 3.** Section 23-15-300, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
3 amended as follows:

4 23-15-300. (1) Any candidate for any municipal, county or
5 county district office shall be a resident of the municipality,
6 county, county district or other territory that he or she seeks to
7 represent in such office for two (2) years immediately preceding
8 the day of election. Notwithstanding the foregoing two-year
9 residency requirement for holding a municipal office, a candidate
10 seeking to represent a ward need only be a resident of the
11 municipality for two (2) years prior to the day of the election,
12 but he or she need only be a resident of the ward he or she seeks
13 to represent at the time of qualification of office. The
14 provisions of this section shall not apply to any municipality



15 with less than one thousand (1,000) residents according to the
16 latest federal decennial census.

17 (2) A candidate shall prove in his or her qualifying
18 information that he or she meets the applicable residency
19 requirement or provide absolute proof, subject to no
20 contingencies, that he or she will meet the residency requirement
21 on or before the date of the election at which the candidate could
22 be elected to office. The appropriate election official or
23 executive committee, whichever is applicable, with whom a
24 candidate files qualifying information shall review and determine
25 whether the candidate meets the applicable residency requirement
26 according to the procedures in Section 23-15-299. The appropriate
27 election commission shall review and determine whether a candidate
28 required to file qualifying information with it meets the
29 applicable residency requirement according to the procedures in
30 Section 23-15-359.

31 (3) If the qualifications for an elected office include a
32 specific residency requirement, the residency requirement in this
33 section shall not apply.

34 (4) This section shall apply to elections held from and
35 after January 1, 2020."

36 **AMEND further** by renumbering the succeeding section
37 accordingly.



AMEND further the title to conform.

