

By: Representatives Zuber, Williamson

To: Apportionment and
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 159

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-805, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY, COUNTY DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL
3 OFFICES, AND THEIR POLITICAL COMMITTEES, TO FILE ALL REPORTS OF
4 CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES WITH THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF
5 STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-815, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
6 CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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



21 such office or makes reportable contributions to or expenditures
22 in support of or in opposition to a countywide ballot measure or a
23 ballot measure affecting part of a county, excepting a municipal
24 ballot measure, shall file all reports required by this
25 section * * * directly to the Office of the Secretary of State via
26 facsimile, electronic mail, postal mail or hand delivery. * * *

27 (c) Candidates for municipal office, and every political
28 committee which makes reportable contributions to or expenditures
29 in support of or in opposition to a candidate for such office, or
30 makes reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or
31 in opposition to a municipal ballot measure shall file all reports
32 required by this article * * * directly to the Office of the
33 Secretary of State via facsimile, electronic mail, postal mail or
34 hand delivery. * * *

35 (d) The Secretary of State * * * shall make all reports
36 received under this subsection available for public inspection and
37 copying and shall preserve the reports for a period of five (5)
38 years.

39 **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-815, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
40 amended as follows:

41 23-15-815. (a) The Secretary of State shall prescribe and
42 make available forms and promulgate rules and regulations
43 necessary to implement this article.

44 (b) The Secretary of State * * * shall, within forty-eight
45 (48) hours after the time of the receipt * * * of reports and



46 statements filed with it, make them available for public
47 inspection, and copying at the expense of the person requesting
48 such copying, and keep such designations, reports and statements
49 for a period of three (3) years from the date of receipt.

50 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
51 and after July 1, 2022.

