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To: Judiciary B;
Constitution

HOUSE BILL NO. 487

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 A NONVIOLENT DISENFRANCHISING CRIME AS
 4 PROVIDED IN SECTION 241, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, OR OF
 5 ANY NONVIOLENT CRIME INTERPRETED AS DISENFRANCHISING IN LATER
 6 ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS, SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE
 7 SUSPENDED UPON CONVICTION BUT SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE
 8 AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED TWO YEARS AFTER HE OR SHE HAS SATISFIED ALL
 9 OF THE SENTENCING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONVICTION; TO AMEND
 10 SECTIONS 23-15-19, 23-15-125, 23-15-151, 23-15-153 AND 23-15-165,
 11 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; TO
 12 BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 97-39-3 AND 99-19-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
 13 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED
 14 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

23 (a) * * * Is a citizen of the United States of
 24 America * * *;



25 (b) Is eighteen (18) years old and upwards * * *;

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

30 (d) * * * Has been duly registered as an elector under
31 Section 23-15-33 * * *; and

32 (e) * * * Has never been convicted of vote fraud or of
33 any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of
34 1890 * * *.

35 If the thirtieth day to register before an election falls on
36 a Sunday or legal holiday, the registration applications submitted
37 on the business day immediately following the Sunday or legal
38 holiday shall be accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections
39 Management System for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in
40 the next election.

41 (2) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector under the
42 provisions of subsection (1) and has been convicted of a
43 nonviolent disenfranchising crime listed in Section 241,
44 Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or of any nonviolent crime
45 interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney General
46 opinions, shall have his or her right to vote suspended upon
47 conviction but shall have his or her right to vote automatically
48 restored two (2) years after he or she has satisfied all of the
49 sentencing requirements of the conviction.



50 (3) Any person who will be eighteen (18) years of age or
51 older on or before the date of the general election and who is
52 duly registered to vote not less than thirty (30) days before the
53 primary election associated with the general election, may vote in
54 the primary election even though the person has not reached his or
55 her eighteenth birthday at the time that the person seeks to vote
56 at the primary election.

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

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

61 23-15-19. Any person who has been convicted of * * * any
62 nonviolent disenfranchising crime listed in Section 241,
63 Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or of any nonviolent crime
64 interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney General
65 opinions, such crimes defined as "disenfranchising," shall * * *
66 have his or her right to vote suspended upon conviction but shall
67 have his or her right to vote automatically restored two (2) years
68 after he or she has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements
69 of the conviction. Whenever any person shall be convicted in the
70 circuit court of his or her county of a disenfranchising crime,
71 the county registrar shall thereupon remove his or her name from
72 the Statewide Elections Management System * * * until two (2)
73 years after he or she has satisfied all of the sentencing
74 requirements of the conviction. Whenever any person shall be



75 convicted of a disenfranchising crime in any other court of any
76 county, the presiding judge of the court shall, on demand, certify
77 the fact in writing to the registrar of the county in which the
78 voter resides, who shall * * * remove the name of the person from
79 the Statewide Elections Management System and retain the
80 certificate as a record of his or her office until two (2) years
81 after he or she has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements
82 of the conviction.

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

85 23-15-125. The pollbook of each voting precinct shall
86 designate the voting precinct for which it is to be used, and
87 shall be ruled in appropriate columns, with printed or written
88 headings, as follows: date of registration; voter registration
89 number; name of electors; date of birth; and a number of blank
90 columns for the dates of elections. All qualified applicants who
91 register with the registrar shall be entered in the Statewide
92 Elections Management System. Only the names of those qualified
93 applicants who register within thirty (30) days before an election
94 shall appear on the pollbooks of the election; however, if the
95 thirtieth day to register before an election falls on a Sunday or
96 legal holiday, the registration applications submitted on the
97 business day immediately following the legal holiday shall be
98 accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections Management System
99 for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in the next election.



100 When county election commissioners determine that any elector is
101 disqualified from voting, by reason of death, conviction of a
102 disenfranchising crime, removal from the jurisdiction, or other
103 legal cause, that fact shall be noted in the Statewide Elections
104 Management System and the voter's name shall be removed from the
105 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and
106 the county's pollbooks. Nothing in this section shall preclude
107 the use of electronic pollbooks. A person who is otherwise a
108 qualified elector under the provisions of Section 23-15-11 and has
109 been convicted of any nonviolent disenfranchising crime listed in
110 Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or of any
111 nonviolent crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney
112 General opinions, shall have his or her right to vote suspended
113 upon conviction but shall have his or her right to vote
114 automatically restored two (2) years after he or she has satisfied
115 all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Two (2)
116 years after the person has satisfied all of the sentencing
117 requirements, the voter's name shall be automatically restored
118 into the Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter
119 roll and the county's pollbooks.

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

122 23-15-151. The circuit clerk of each county is authorized
123 and directed to prepare and keep in his or her office a full and
124 complete list, in alphabetical order, of persons convicted of



125 voter fraud * * *, of any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi
126 Constitution of 1890 or of any crime interpreted as
127 disenfranchising in later Attorney General opinions. A certified
128 copy of any enrollment by one clerk to another will be sufficient
129 authority for the enrollment of the name, or names, in another
130 county. A list of persons convicted of voter fraud, any crime
131 listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or any
132 crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney General
133 opinions, shall also be entered into the Statewide Elections
134 Management System on a quarterly basis. * * * A person who is
135 otherwise a qualified elector under the provisions of Section
136 23-15-11 and has been convicted of any nonviolent disenfranchising
137 crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or
138 of any nonviolent crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later
139 Attorney General opinions, shall have his or her right to vote
140 suspended upon conviction but shall have his or her right to vote
141 automatically restored two (2) years after he or she has satisfied
142 all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Two (2)
143 years after the person has satisfied all of the sentencing
144 requirements, the voter's name shall be automatically restored
145 into the Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter
146 roll and the county's pollbooks.

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



149 23-15-153. (1) At least during the following times, the
150 election commissioners shall meet at the office of the registrar
151 or the office of the election commissioners to carefully revise
152 the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the
153 Statewide Elections Management System and remove from the roll the
154 names of all voters who have requested to be purged from the voter
155 roll, died, received an adjudication of non compos mentis, been
156 convicted of a disenfranchising crime and had his or her right to
157 vote suspended, or otherwise become disqualified as electors for
158 any cause, and shall register the names of all persons who have
159 duly applied to be registered but have been illegally denied
160 registration:

161 (a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January
162 1987 and every following year;

163 (b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately
164 preceding the first primary election for members of Congress in
165 the years when members of Congress are elected;

166 (c) On the first Monday in the month immediately
167 preceding the first primary election for state, state district
168 legislative, county and county district offices in the years in
169 which those offices are elected; and

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



173 Except for the names of those voters who are duly qualified
174 to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain in
175 the Statewide Elections Management System; however, no name shall
176 be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System based on
177 a change in the residence of an elector except in accordance with
178 procedures provided for by the National Voter Registration Act of
179 1993. Except as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-573, no
180 person shall vote at any election whose name is not in the county
181 voter roll electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections
182 Management System.

183 (2) Except as provided in this section, and subject to the
184 following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be
185 entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred
186 Dollars (\$100.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for
187 every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated
188 over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of
189 their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in
190 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in
191 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained
192 by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in
193 subsection (1) of this section:

194 (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand
195 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
196 census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than



197 fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
198 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

199 (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)
200 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
201 less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the
202 latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75)
203 days per year, with no more than twenty-five (25) additional days
204 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
205 occurring in any calendar year;

206 (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)
207 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
208 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the
209 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100)
210 days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days
211 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
212 occurring in any calendar year;

213 (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)
214 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
215 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the
216 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred
217 twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45)
218 additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess
219 of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

220 (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)
221 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but



222 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents
223 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than
224 one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than
225 fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
226 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

227 (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand
228 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
229 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents
230 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than
231 one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than
232 sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
233 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

234 (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)
235 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
236 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents
237 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than
238 one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than
239 seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
240 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

241 (h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand
242 (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
243 census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)
244 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not
245 more than two hundred fifteen (215) days per year, with no more



246 than eighty-five (85) additional days allowed for the conduct of
247 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

248 (i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand
249 (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
250 census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000)
251 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not
252 more than two hundred thirty (230) days per year, with no more
253 than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of
254 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

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

261 (3) In addition to the number of days authorized in
262 subsection (2) of this section, the board of supervisors of a
263 county may authorize, in its discretion, the election
264 commissioners to receive a per diem in the amount provided for in
265 subsection (2) of this section, to be paid from the county general
266 fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours
267 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the
268 performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or
269 actually employed in the performance of their duties for the
270 necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as



271 electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management
272 System as required in subsection (1) of this section, not to
273 exceed five (5) days.

274 (4) (a) The election commissioners shall be entitled to
275 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00),
276 to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed ten (10)
277 days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours
278 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the
279 performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the
280 revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by
281 the Statewide Elections Management System before any special
282 election. For purposes of this paragraph, the regular special
283 election day shall not be considered a special election. The
284 annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section
285 shall not apply to this paragraph.

286 (b) The election commissioners shall be entitled to
287 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars
288 (\$150.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for the
289 performance of their duties on the day of any primary, runoff,
290 general or special election. The annual limitations set forth in
291 subsection (2) of this section shall apply to this paragraph.

292 (c) The board of supervisors may, in its discretion,
293 pay the election commissioners an additional amount not to exceed
294 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the performance of their duties at any
295 election occurring from July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020,



296 which shall be considered additional pandemic pay. Such
297 compensation shall be payable out of the county general fund, and
298 may be payable from federal funds available for such purpose, or a
299 combination of both funding sources.

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

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

313 (7) In preparation for a municipal primary, runoff, general
314 or special election, the county registrar shall generate and
315 distribute the master voter roll and pollbooks from the Statewide
316 Elections Management System for the municipality located within
317 the county. The municipality shall pay the county registrar for
318 the actual cost of preparing and printing the municipal master
319 voter roll pollbooks. A municipality may secure "read only"



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

322 (8) County election commissioners who perform the duties of
323 an executive committee with regard to the conduct of a primary
324 election under a written agreement authorized by law to be entered
325 into with an executive committee shall receive per diem as
326 provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The days that
327 county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of a
328 primary election shall be treated the same as days county election
329 commissioners are employed in the conduct of other elections.

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

334 (10) Every election commissioner shall sign personally a
335 certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked in
336 the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for
337 which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must
338 be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's
339 signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's
340 oath of office and under penalties of perjury.

341 The certification form shall be as follows:

342 **COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

343 **PER DIEM CLAIM FORM**

344 NAME: _____ COUNTY: _____



345 ADDRESS: _____ DISTRICT: _____

346 CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

347		PURPOSE	APPLICABLE	ACTUAL	PER DIEM		
348	DATE	BEGINNING	ENDING	OF	MS CODE	HOURS	DAYS
349	WORKED	TIME	TIME	WORK	SECTION	WORKED	EARNED

350 _____

351 _____

352 _____

353 TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

354 EXCLUDING ELECTION DAYS _____

355 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$100.00

356 TOTAL NUMBER PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

357 FOR ELECTION DAYS _____

358 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$150.00

359 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PER DIEM CLAIMED \$ _____

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

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

365 Signed this the _____ day of _____, ____.

366 _____

367 Commissioner's Signature

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



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

373 Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in
374 any respect by notifying the chair of the commission, any member
375 of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of
376 supervisors of the contest at any time before or after payment is
377 made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment
378 shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is
379 finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be
380 entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of
381 supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor
382 compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents
383 and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo
384 to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be
385 perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the
386 commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of
387 supervisors, as the case may be.

388 Any contestor who successfully contests any certification
389 will be awarded all expenses incident to his or her contest,
390 together with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded
391 upon petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon
392 final disposition of the contest before the election commission,
393 board of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in
394 case of an appeal, final disposition by the court. The



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

398 (11) Any election commissioner who has not received a
399 certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section
400 23-15-211 indicating that the election commissioner has received
401 the required elections seminar instruction and that the election
402 commissioner is fully qualified to conduct an election, shall not
403 receive any compensation authorized by this section or Section
404 23-15-239.

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

407 23-15-165. (1) The Office of the Secretary of State, in
408 cooperation with the county registrars and election commissioners,
409 shall procure, implement and maintain an electronic information
410 processing system and programs capable of maintaining a
411 centralized database of all registered voters in the state. The
412 system shall encompass software and hardware, at both the state
413 and county level, software development training, conversion and
414 support and maintenance for the system. This system shall be
415 known as the "Statewide Elections Management System" and shall
416 constitute the official record of registered voters in every
417 county of the state.



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

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

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

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

429 (d) Receive regular reports of voters two (2) years
430 after they have satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of
431 his or her conviction and automatically restore the voter's name
432 into the Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter
433 roll and the county's pollbooks; and

434 (* * *e) Retain all present functionality related to,
435 but not limited to, the use of voter roll data and to implement
436 such other functionality as the law requires to enhance the
437 maintenance of accurate county voter records and related jury
438 selection and redistricting programs.

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



443 a standard, industry accepted file format that can be used on the
444 Statewide Elections Management System. Thereafter, all official
445 voter information shall be maintained on the Statewide Elections
446 Management System. The standard industry accepted format of data
447 was reviewed and approved by a majority of the advisory committee
448 created in subsection (5) of this section after consultation with
449 the Circuit Clerks Association and the format may not be changed
450 without consulting the Circuit Clerks Association.

451 (4) The Secretary of State may, with the assistance of the
452 advisory committee, adopt rules and regulations necessary to
453 administer the Statewide Elections Management System. The rules
454 and regulations shall at least:

455 (a) Provide for the establishment and maintenance of a
456 centralized database for all voter registration information in the
457 state;

458 (b) Provide procedures for integrating data into the
459 centralized database;

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

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



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

470 (e) Provide security and protection of all information
471 in the system and monitor the system to ensure that unauthorized
472 access is not allowed;

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

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

480 (5) The Secretary of State established an advisory committee
481 to assist in developing system specifications, procurement,
482 implementation and maintenance of the Statewide Elections
483 Management System. The committee included two (2) representatives
484 from the Circuit Clerks Association, appointed by the association;
485 two (2) representatives from the Election Commissioners
486 Association of Mississippi, appointed by the association; one (1)
487 member of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, or its
488 staff, appointed by the association; the Director of the Stennis
489 Institute of Government at Mississippi State University, or his or
490 her designee; the Executive Director of the Department of
491 Information Technology Services, or his or her designee; two (2)
492 persons knowledgeable about elections and information technology



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

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

500 (b) Copies of statewide, district, county or municipal
501 voter registration files, excluding social security numbers,
502 telephone numbers and date of birth and age information, shall be
503 provided to any person in accordance with the Mississippi Public
504 Records Act of 1983 at a cost not to exceed the actual cost of
505 production.

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

508 97-39-3. If any person shall fight a duel, or give or accept
509 a challenge to fight a duel, or knowingly carry or deliver such
510 challenge or the acceptance thereof, or be second to either party
511 to any duel, whether such act be done in the state or out of it,
512 or who shall go out of the state to fight a duel, or to assist in
513 the same as second, or to send, accept, or carry a challenge,
514 shall be disqualified from holding any office, be disenfranchised,
515 and incapable of holding or being elected to any post of honor,
516 profit or emolument, civil or military, under the constitution and
517 laws of this state; and the appointment of any such person to



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

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

523 99-19-37. (1) Any person who has lost the right of suffrage
524 by reason of conviction of crime and has not been pardoned
525 therefrom, who thereafter served honorably in any branch of the
526 Armed Forces of the United States during the periods of World War
527 I or World War II as hereinafter defined and shall have received
528 an honorable discharge, or release therefrom, shall by reason of
529 such honorable service, have the full right of suffrage restored,
530 provided, however, this does not apply to any one having an
531 unfinished or suspended sentence.

532 (2) For the purposes of this section the period of World War
533 I shall be from April 6, 1917 to December 1, 1918, and the period
534 of World War II shall be from December 7, 1941 to December 31,
535 1946.

536 (3) In order to have restored, and to exercise, the right of
537 franchise under the provisions of this section a person affected
538 hereby shall have his discharge, or release, from the Armed Forces
539 of the United States recorded in the office of the chancery clerk
540 of the county in which such person desires to exercise the right
541 of franchise and if such discharge, or release, appears to be an
542 honorable discharge, or release, and shows such person to have



543 served honorably during either of the periods stated in subsection
544 (2) of this section such person shall have the full right of
545 suffrage restored as though an act had been passed by the
546 Legislature in accordance with Section 253 of the Constitution of
547 the State of Mississippi restoring the right of suffrage to such
548 person.

549 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
550 and after July 1, 2022.

