MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

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REGULAR SESSION 2022

To: Apportionment and Elections; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency

HOUSE BILL NO. 1433

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-805, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 2 TO PROVIDE THAT CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS FROM CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL 3 GOVERNMENT OFFICES SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL 4 WEBSITES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 6 SECTION 1. Section 23-15-805, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 7 amended as follows:

23-15-805. (a) Candidates for state, state district, and 8 9 legislative district offices, and every political committee, which 10 makes reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or in opposition to a candidate for any such office or makes 11 12 reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or in opposition to a statewide ballot measure, shall file all reports 13 14 required under this article with the Office of the Secretary of 15 State.

(b) Candidates for county or county district office, and
every political committee which makes reportable contributions to
or expenditures in support of or in opposition to a candidate for
such office or makes reportable contributions to or expenditures
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20 in support of or in opposition to a countywide ballot measure or a 21 ballot measure affecting part of a county, excepting a municipal 22 ballot measure, shall file all reports required by this section in 23 the office of the circuit clerk of the county in which the 24 election occurs, or directly to the Office of the Secretary of 25 State via facsimile, electronic mail, postal mail or hand delivery. The circuit clerk shall forward copies of all reports 26 27 to the Office of the Secretary of State. The circuit clerk shall 28 also upload the reports to the county's Internet website.

29 Candidates for municipal office, and every political (C) 30 committee which makes reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or in opposition to a candidate for such office, or 31 32 makes reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or in opposition to a municipal ballot measure shall file all reports 33 required by this article in the office of the municipal clerk of 34 35 the municipality in which the election occurs, or directly to the 36 Office of the Secretary of State via facsimile, electronic mail, postal mail or hand delivery. The municipal clerk shall forward 37 38 copies of all reports to the Office of the Secretary of State. 39 The municipal clerk shall also upload the reports to the 40 municipality's Internet website. If the municipality does not maintain a website, the clerk shall forward copies of the reports 41 42 to the circuit clerk of the county in which the municipality is 43 located, and the circuit clerk shall upload the reports to the 44 county's website.

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municipal clerks shall make all reports received under this
subsection available for public inspection and copying and shall
preserve the reports for a period of five (5) years.

49 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from 50 and after July 1, 2022.

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available on county and municipal websites.