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To: Apportionment and  
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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1510

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 23-15-615, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO AUDIT ELECTION  
3 PROCEDURES IN THE COUNTIES OF THE STATE; TO PROVIDE THE  
4 INFORMATION THAT EACH REGISTRAR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO THE  
5 SECRETARY OF STATE; TO PROVIDE WHEN AN AUDIT SHALL BE COMPLETED;  
6 TO REPEAL SECTION 23-15-613, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH  
7 PROVIDES THAT ELECTION COMMISSIONS AND COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL  
8 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES SHALL REPORT RESIDUAL VOTE INFORMATION TO THE  
9 SECRETARY OF STATE; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 23-15-531.1,  
10 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT;  
11 TO CREATE NEW SECTIONS 23-15-617, 23-15-617.1, 23-15-617.2,  
12 23-15-617.3, 23-15-617.4 AND 23-15-617.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
13 1972, TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURES FOR A RISK-LIMITING AUDIT; TO  
14 PROVIDE WHICH STATEWIDE ELECTIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A  
15 RISK-LIMITING AUDIT; TO PROVIDE WHEN A MANUAL RECOUNT OF ELECTION  
16 RESULTS SHALL BE NECESSARY; TO PROVIDE WHEN AND WHERE THE RESULTS  
17 OF A RISK-LIMITING AUDIT SHALL BE AVAILABLE; TO CREATE A PILOT  
18 PROGRAM TO TEST THE PROCESS FOR CONDUCTING A RISK-LIMITING AUDIT  
19 BEFORE IT IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-153,  
20 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO  
21 RECEIVE A PER DIEM OF \$100.00 FOR CONDUCTING AN ELECTION RECOUNT;  
22 TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE  
23 MONIES THAT ARE DEPOSITED INTO THE ELECTIONS SUPPORT FUND; TO  
24 REVISE HOW THE MONIES IN THE ELECTIONS SUPPORT FUND ARE  
25 DISTRIBUTED AND FOR WHAT PURPOSES THEY ARE SPENT; TO AMEND SECTION  
26 23-15-603, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE THAT  
27 ELECTION COMMISSIONERS HAVE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION RELATED TO  
28 THE ELECTION RESULTS WHEN A MANUAL ELECTION RECOUNT IS REQUIRED;  
29 TO CREATE NEW SECTION 23-15-823, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
30 PROVIDE THAT WHEN A CANDIDATE OR ELECTED OFFICIAL HAS BEEN  
31 RESTRICTED BY A SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM, THE COMPANY THAT OPERATES  
32 THE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REPORT  
33 DISCLOSING THE ACTION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE; TO CREATE NEW  
34 SECTION 23-15-395, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE



35 SECRETARY OF STATE TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE  
36 REVIEW, CERTIFICATION AND DECERTIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
37 ALL VOTING SYSTEMS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
38 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATEWIDE ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
39 SHALL BE COMPARED TO CERTAIN IDENTIFICATION DATABASES TO ENSURE  
40 NON-UNITED STATES CITIZENS ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE; TO PROVIDE  
41 THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED WHEN A NON-UNITED STATES CITIZEN IS  
42 FOUND TO BE REGISTERED TO VOTE; TO PROVIDE THE DOCUMENTATION THAT  
43 MUST BE SUBMITTED AS PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP; TO AMEND SECTION  
44 23-15-165, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING  
45 SECTION; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 23-15-152, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
46 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTOR WHO FAILS TO RESPOND TO A  
47 CONFIRMATION NOTICE AND WHO FAILS TO VOTE DURING A CERTAIN PERIOD  
48 OF TIME SHALL BE PURGED FROM THE STATEWIDE ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT  
49 SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "CONFIRMATION NOTICE" AND  
50 "FAILS TO RESPOND TO THE CONFIRMATION NOTICE"; TO PROVIDE THOSE  
51 REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SHALL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION NOTICES; TO  
52 PROVIDE THAT A REGISTERED VOTER WHO IS MAILED A CONFIRMATION  
53 NOTICE SHALL BE PLACED ON INACTIVE STATUS IN THE STATEWIDE  
54 ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BUT SHALL BE ABLE TO VOTE BY AFFIDAVIT  
55 BALLOT; TO PROVIDE THE TIME FOR REMOVAL OF VOTER REGISTRATION  
56 RECORDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETENTION OF REMOVED VOTER  
57 REGISTRATION RECORDS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-125, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
58 OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; AND FOR RELATED  
59 PURPOSES.

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

61 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section  
62 23-15-615, Mississippi Code of 1972:

63 23-15-615. (1) The Secretary of State shall be authorized  
64 to audit election procedures in the counties of this state. The  
65 Secretary of State may, in order to fulfill the requirements of  
66 this section, enter into an agreement with a third-party for the  
67 conduction of a post-election audit.

68 (2) The registrar of each county shall, within ten (10) days  
69 after a primary, general or special election, submit to the  
70 Secretary of State the following information:

71 (a) The total number of voters marked as VOTED in the  
72 pollbook of each precinct in the county;



73           (b) The sum of the total number of voters who signed  
74 the receipt book at the polling place on election day and the  
75 total number of voters who cast an absentee ballot;

76           (c) The total number of ballots received by the poll  
77 managers from local election officials;

78           (d) The sum of the total number of paper ballots voted  
79 on election day, the number of unused ballots and the number of  
80 spoiled ballots;

81           (e) The total number of electronic ballots cast; and

82           (f) The total number of ballots cast.

83           (3) If a discrepancy meets or exceeds the threshold set  
84 forth in subsection (4), the Secretary of State may conduct an  
85 audit in that county.

86           (4) A discrepancy occurs if the difference between the  
87 reported totals in subsection (2) meets or exceeds:

88           (a) One (1), if the total number of total votes cast in  
89 a precinct is not more than twenty (20).

90           (b) Two (2), if the total number of total votes cast in  
91 a precinct is:

92           (i) More than twenty (20); but

93           (ii) Not more than forty (40).

94           (c) Three (3), if the total number of total votes cast  
95 in a precinct is:

96           (i) More than forty (40); but

97           (ii) Not more than sixty (60).



98 (d) Four (4), if the total number of total votes cast  
99 in a precinct is:

100 (i) More than sixty (60); but

101 (ii) Not more than eighty (80).

102 (e) Three percent (3%) of the total number of total  
103 votes cast, rounded up to the nearest whole number, if the total  
104 number of votes cast in a precinct is:

105 (i) More than eighty (80); but

106 (ii) Not more than five hundred (500).

107 (f) Fifteen (15), if the total number of total votes  
108 cast in a precinct is more than five hundred (500).

109 (5) The Secretary of State shall randomly select and audit  
110 each county over a four-year period. The audit shall not begin  
111 more than thirty (30) days before and not later than ninety (90)  
112 days after the regularly scheduled general or special election.  
113 No county shall be selected for audit if that county has been  
114 audited in the last four (4) years unless an audit is triggered  
115 pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. The Secretary of  
116 State shall select the precinct(s) to be audited in each county.

117 (6) The Secretary of State shall not conduct an audit under  
118 this section at any precinct where an election occurred and that  
119 election is being challenged as provided in Sections 23-15-927,  
120 23-15-951 or 23-15-955. Any documents, materials, notes or  
121 communications used to prepare the reports required in subsection  
122 (7) of this section shall be exempt from and shall not be subject



123 to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction under the  
124 Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

125 (7) (a) Not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after  
126 the date of the election that the Secretary of State is auditing,  
127 the Secretary of State shall post a report of any completed audit  
128 on the official website of the Secretary of State. The registrar  
129 of the affected county may post the results of the completed audit  
130 on the official website of the county.

131 (b) Not later than one hundred fifty (150) days after  
132 the election, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the  
133 Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of  
134 Representatives analyzing the reports required to be filed  
135 pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

136 (c) If, while conducting an audit, the Secretary of  
137 State determines that more time is needed to complete the audit,  
138 he or she may certify that such need exists and post the  
139 certification to the website of the Secretary of State.

140 (8) The Secretary of State shall promulgate any rules and  
141 regulations as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this  
142 section.

143 **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-613, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
144 which provides that election commissions and county and municipal  
145 executive committees shall report residual vote information to the  
146 Secretary of State, is repealed.



147           **SECTION 3.** Section 23-15-531.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
148 brought forward as follows:

149           23-15-531.1. (1) The board of supervisors of each county  
150 and the governing authorities of each municipality are hereby  
151 authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to purchase or rent  
152 DRE units that meets the requirements of subsection (2) of this  
153 section and may use such system in all or a part of the precincts  
154 within its boundaries. The provisions of this chapter shall be  
155 controlling with respect to elections in which a DRE unit is used,  
156 and shall be liberally construed so as to carry out the purpose of  
157 this chapter. The provisions of the election law relating to the  
158 conduct of elections with paper ballots, insofar as they are  
159 applicable, shall apply.

160           (2) No DRE unit shall be acquired or used in accordance with  
161 this chapter unless it shall:

162                   (a) Permit the voter to verify, in a private and  
163 independent manner, the votes selected by the voter on the ballot  
164 before the ballot is cast and counted;

165                   (b) Provide the voter with the opportunity, in a  
166 private and independent manner, to change the ballot or correct  
167 any error before the ballot is cast and counted, including, but  
168 not limited to, the opportunity to correct the error through the  
169 issuance of a replacement ballot if the voter is otherwise unable  
170 to change the ballot or correct any error;



171 (c) If the voter votes for more candidates for a single  
172 office than are eligible for election:

173 (i) Notify the voter that he or she has selected  
174 more candidates for that office than are eligible for election;

175 (ii) Notify the voter before his or her vote is  
176 cast and counted of the effect of casting multiple votes for such  
177 an office; and

178 (iii) Provide the voter with the opportunity to  
179 correct the ballot before the ballot is cast and counted;

180 (d) Produce a permanent paper record with a manual  
181 audit capability;

182 (e) Have the capability to print the ballots cast by  
183 electors;

184 (f) Be accessible for individuals with disabilities,  
185 including, but not limited to, nonvisual accessibility for the  
186 blind and visually impaired, in a manner that provides the same  
187 opportunity for access and participation, including privacy and  
188 independence, as for other voters. This requirement may be  
189 satisfied through the use of at least one (1) DRE unit or other  
190 voting unit equipped for individuals with disabilities at each  
191 polling place;

192 (g) Provide alternative language accessibility pursuant  
193 to the requirements of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

194 (h) Have a residual vote rate in counting ballots  
195 attributable to the voting system and not to voter error that



196 complies with error rate standards established under the voting  
197 system standards issued by the Federal Election Commission in  
198 effect as of October 29, 2002.

199         **SECTION 4.** The following shall be codified as Section  
200 23-15-617, Mississippi Code of 1972:

201         23-15-617. The provisions of Sections 23-15-617 through  
202 23-15-617.5 shall apply to an election that:

203                 (a) Occurs from and after August 31, 2026, except as  
204 otherwise provided in Section 23-15-617.5;

205                 (b) Contains an elective office or measure that is  
206 voted on statewide; and

207                 (c) Uses an auditable voting system as described in  
208 Section 23-15-617.4.

209         **SECTION 5.** The following shall be codified as Section  
210 23-15-617.1, Mississippi Code of 1972:

211         23-15-617.1. (1) Not later than twenty-four (24) hours  
212 after all of the ballots have been counted in an election, the  
213 election commissioners, in conjunction with the registrar, shall  
214 conduct a risk-limiting audit for a selected statewide elective  
215 office or measure.

216                 (2) The Secretary of State shall select, in accordance with  
217 rules adopted by the secretary, the statewide elective office or  
218 measure to be audited.





219 (3) The election commissioners, in conjunction with the  
220 registrar, shall complete the audit before the certification of  
221 the election pursuant to Section 23-15-603.

222 (4) If the results of the audit determine that the ballots  
223 cast in the election do not meet the risk-limiting threshold  
224 established as provided in Section 23-15-617.2, the election  
225 commissioners shall conduct a manual recount of the election. In  
226 the event the tabulation from the manual recount differs from that  
227 of the tabulation reported from the auditable voting systems, the  
228 tabulation from the manual recount shall be the certified results.

229 (5) The election commissioners, in conjunction with the  
230 registrar, shall publish notice of the date, time and location of  
231 the audit in the county courthouse and on the county's website, if  
232 the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a  
233 website, such information shall be posted on the Secretary of  
234 State's website.

235 (6) A credentialed poll watcher may be present for the audit  
236 if he or she is appointed by a candidate whose name appears on the  
237 ballot for the statewide elective office to be audited. A  
238 credentialed poll watcher shall present credentials to the  
239 election commissioners or registrar at the time he or she reports  
240 for service. The credentials must be in writing and must include  
241 any information also required by Section 23-15-577.

242 (7) The Secretary of State may appoint personnel to assist  
243 with the audit, including appropriate voting system technicians or



244 representatives and persons who have assisted with the design and  
245 implementation of the audit.

246 **SECTION 6.** The following shall be codified as Section  
247 23-15-617.2, Mississippi Code of 1972:

248 23-15-617.2. The Secretary of State shall adopt rules and  
249 regulations as necessary to effectuate the provisions of Sections  
250 23-15-617 through 23-15-617.5. Such rules shall include a rule  
251 that requires the use of widely accepted statistical methods to  
252 calculate the number or percentage of paper records that must be  
253 counted in a risk-limiting audit as provided in Section  
254 23-15-617.1.

255 **SECTION 7.** The following shall be codified as Section  
256 23-15-617.3, Mississippi Code of 1972:

257 23-15-617.3. The results of a risk-limiting audit conducted  
258 under Section 23-15-617.1 shall be published on the Secretary of  
259 State's website not later than three (3) days after the audit is  
260 completed.

261 **SECTION 8.** The following shall be codified as Section  
262 23-15-617.4, Mississippi Code of 1972:

263 23-15-617.4. (1) As used in Sections 23-15-617 through  
264 23-15-617.5, "auditable voting system" means a voting system that:

265 (a) Uses, creates or displays a paper record that may  
266 be read by the voter; and

267 (b) Is not capable of being connected to the Internet  
268 or any other computer network or electronic device.



269 (2) The electronic vote is the official record of the vote  
270 cast if a risk-limiting audit conducted under Section 23-15-617.1  
271 produces strong evidence that the reported outcome of the election  
272 matches the results that a full counting of the paper records  
273 would reveal.

274 (3) The paper record is the official record of the vote cast  
275 if a risk-limiting audit conducted under Section 23-15-617.1 fails  
276 to produce strong evidence that the reported outcome of the  
277 election matches the results that a full counting of the paper  
278 records would reveal.

279 **SECTION 9.** The following shall be codified as Section  
280 23-15-617.5, Mississippi Code of 1972:

281 23-15-617.5. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section  
282 23-15-617(a), the Secretary of State shall conduct a pilot  
283 program, beginning with the election that occurs on November 8,  
284 2022, of the risk-limiting audit program created under Sections  
285 23-15-617 through 23-15-617.5.

286 (2) The Secretary of State shall select at least five (5)  
287 counties to participate in the pilot program.

288 (3) After each election conducted under the pilot program,  
289 the Secretary of State shall send a detailed report to the  
290 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of  
291 Representatives, Chair of the Senate Elections Committee and Chair  
292 of the House Committee on Apportionment and Elections. The report  
293 shall evaluate the success of the program and make a



294 recommendation as to whether the Legislature should delay the  
295 statewide implementation of the program.

296 (4) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules and regulations  
297 as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

298 (5) This section shall repeal on August 31, 2026.

299 **SECTION 10.** Section 23-15-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
300 amended as follows:

301 23-15-153. (1) At least during the following times, the  
302 election commissioners shall meet at the office of the registrar  
303 or the office of the election commissioners to carefully revise  
304 the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the  
305 Statewide Elections Management System and remove from the roll the  
306 names of all voters who have requested to be purged from the voter  
307 roll, died, received an adjudication of non compos mentis, been  
308 convicted of a disenfranchising crime, failed to comply with the  
309 provisions of Section 23-15-152, or otherwise become disqualified  
310 as electors for any cause, and shall register the names of all  
311 persons who have duly applied to be registered but have been  
312 illegally denied registration:

313 (a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January  
314 1987 and every following year;

315 (b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately  
316 preceding the first primary election for members of Congress in  
317 the years when members of Congress are elected;



318 (c) On the first Monday in the month immediately  
319 preceding the first primary election for state, state district  
320 legislative, county and county district offices in the years in  
321 which those offices are elected; \* \* \*

322 (d) On the second Monday of September preceding the  
323 general election or regular special election day in years in which  
324 a general election is not conducted \* \* \*;

325 (e) As provided in Section 23-15-152.

326 Except for the names of those voters who are duly qualified  
327 to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain in  
328 the Statewide Elections Management System; however, no name shall  
329 be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System based on  
330 a change in the residence of an elector except in accordance with  
331 procedures provided for by the National Voter Registration Act of  
332 1993. Except as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-573, no  
333 person shall vote at any election whose name is not in the county  
334 voter roll electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections  
335 Management System.

336 (2) Except as provided in this section, and subject to the  
337 following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be  
338 entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred  
339 Dollars (\$100.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for  
340 every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated  
341 over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of  
342 their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in



343 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in  
344 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained  
345 by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in  
346 subsection (1) of this section:

347 (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand  
348 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
349 census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than  
350 fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
351 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

352 (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)  
353 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
354 less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the  
355 latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75)  
356 days per year, with no more than twenty-five (25) additional days  
357 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)  
358 occurring in any calendar year;

359 (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)  
360 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
361 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the  
362 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100)  
363 days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days  
364 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)  
365 occurring in any calendar year;

366 (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)  
367 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but



368 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the  
369 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred  
370 twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45)  
371 additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess  
372 of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

373 (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)  
374 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
375 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents  
376 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
377 one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than  
378 fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
379 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

380 (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand  
381 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
382 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents  
383 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
384 one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than  
385 sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
386 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

387 (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)  
388 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
389 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents  
390 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
391 one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than



392 seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
393 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

394 (h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand  
395 (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
396 census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)  
397 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not  
398 more than two hundred fifteen (215) days per year, with no more  
399 than eighty-five (85) additional days allowed for the conduct of  
400 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

401 (i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand  
402 (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
403 census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000)  
404 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not  
405 more than two hundred thirty (230) days per year, with no more  
406 than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of  
407 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

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

414 (3) In addition to the number of days authorized in  
415 subsection (2) of this section, the board of supervisors of a  
416 county may authorize, in its discretion, the election





417 commissioners to receive a per diem in the amount provided for in  
418 subsection (2) of this section, to be paid from the county general  
419 fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours  
420 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the  
421 performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or  
422 actually employed in the performance of their duties for the  
423 necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as  
424 electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management  
425 System as required in subsection (1) of this section, not to  
426 exceed five (5) days.

427       (4) (a) The election commissioners shall be entitled to  
428 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00),  
429 to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed ten (10)  
430 days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours  
431 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the  
432 performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the  
433 revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by  
434 the Statewide Elections Management System before any special  
435 election. For purposes of this paragraph, the regular special  
436 election day shall not be considered a special election. The  
437 annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section  
438 shall not apply to this paragraph.

439       (b) The election commissioners shall be entitled to  
440 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars  
441 (\$150.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for the



442 performance of their duties on the day of any primary, runoff,  
443 general or special election. The annual limitations set forth in  
444 subsection (2) of this section shall apply to this paragraph.

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

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

459 (7) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive  
460 a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), to be  
461 paid from the county general fund, for those days when the  
462 election commissioners shall be required to conduct a recount of  
463 an election as provided in Section 23-15-617.1.

464 ( \* \* \*8) In preparation for a municipal primary, runoff,  
465 general or special election, the county registrar shall generate  
466 and distribute the master voter roll and pollbooks from the



467 Statewide Elections Management System for the municipality located  
468 within the county. The municipality shall pay the county  
469 registrar for the actual cost of preparing and printing the  
470 municipal master voter roll pollbooks. A municipality may secure  
471 "read only" access to the Statewide Elections Management System  
472 and print its own pollbooks using this information.

473 ( \* \* \*9) County election commissioners who perform the  
474 duties of an executive committee with regard to the conduct of a  
475 primary election under a written agreement authorized by law to be  
476 entered into with an executive committee shall receive per diem as  
477 provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The days that  
478 county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of a  
479 primary election shall be treated the same as days county election  
480 commissioners are employed in the conduct of other elections.

481 ( \* \* \*10) In addition to any per diem authorized by this  
482 section, any election commissioner shall be entitled to the  
483 mileage reimbursement rate allowable to federal employees for the  
484 use of a privately owned vehicle while on official travel on  
485 election day.

486 ( \* \* \*11) Every election commissioner shall sign personally  
487 a certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked  
488 in the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for  
489 which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must  
490 be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's



491 signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's  
492 oath of office and under penalties of perjury.

493 The certification form shall be as follows:

494 **COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

495 **PER DIEM CLAIM FORM**

496 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

497 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

498 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

499 PURPOSE APPLICABLE ACTUAL PER DIEM

500 DATE BEGINNING ENDING OF MS CODE HOURS DAYS

501 WORKED TIME TIME WORK SECTION WORKED EARNED

502 \_\_\_\_\_

503 \_\_\_\_\_

504 \_\_\_\_\_

505 TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

506 EXCLUDING ELECTION DAYS \_\_\_\_\_

507 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$100.00

508 TOTAL NUMBER PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

509 FOR ELECTION DAYS \_\_\_\_\_

510 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$150.00

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

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



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

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

518 \_\_\_\_\_

519 Commissioner's Signature

520 When properly completed and signed, the certification must be  
521 filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors before any  
522 payment may be made. The certification will be a public record  
523 available for inspection and reproduction immediately upon the  
524 oral or written request of any person.

525 Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in  
526 any respect by notifying the chair of the commission, any member  
527 of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of  
528 supervisors of the contest at any time before or after payment is  
529 made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment  
530 shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is  
531 finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be  
532 entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of  
533 supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor  
534 compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents  
535 and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo  
536 to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be  
537 perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the



538 commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of  
539 supervisors, as the case may be.

540 Any contestor who successfully contests any certification  
541 will be awarded all expenses incident to his or her contest,  
542 together with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded  
543 upon petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon  
544 final disposition of the contest before the election commission,  
545 board of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in  
546 case of an appeal, final disposition by the court. The  
547 commissioner against whom the contest is decided shall be liable  
548 for the payment of the expenses and attorney's fees, and the  
549 county shall be jointly and severally liable for same.

550 ( \* \* \*12) Any election commissioner who has not received a  
551 certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section  
552 23-15-211 indicating that the election commissioner has received  
553 the required elections seminar instruction and that the election  
554 commissioner is fully qualified to conduct an election, shall not  
555 receive any compensation authorized by this section or Section  
556 23-15-239.

557 **SECTION 11.** Section 23-15-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
558 amended as follows:

559 23-15-5. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a  
560 special fund to be known as the Elections Support Fund. Monies  
561 derived from annual report fees imposed upon limited liability  
562 companies under Section 79-29-1203 shall be deposited into the



563 Elections Support Fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund  
564 at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the State  
565 General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on  
566 amounts in the fund shall be disbursed as provided in subsection  
567 (2) of this section. The expenditure of monies in the fund shall  
568 be under the direction of the Secretary of State as provided by  
569 subsection (2) of this section, and such funds shall be paid by  
570 the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department of  
571 Finance and Administration.

572 (2) (a) Monies in the fund shall be used as follows:

573 (i) \* \* \* Seventy percent (70%) of the monies in  
574 the special fund shall be distributed annually to the counties,  
575 upon appropriation of the Legislature, based on the proportion  
576 that the population of a county bears to the total population in  
577 all counties of the state population according to the most recent  
578 information from the United States Census Bureau, and held in a  
579 separate fund solely for the purpose of acquiring, upgrading,  
580 maintaining or repairing voting equipment, systems and supplies,  
581 hiring temporary technical support, conducting elections using  
582 such voting equipment or systems, employing such personnel to  
583 conduct an election, and training election officials; and

584 (ii) The remaining \* \* \* thirty percent (30%) of  
585 the monies in the special fund shall be \* \* \* distributed annually  
586 to the Secretary of State for the purposes of maintaining,  
587 upgrading or equipping the Statewide Elections Management System,



588 improving election security throughout the state and providing  
589 voter education.

590 (b) The Secretary of State shall create standard  
591 training guidelines to assist counties in training election  
592 officials with the funds authorized under subsection (2)(a)(ii) of  
593 this section. Any criteria established by the Secretary of State  
594 for the purposes of this section shall be used in addition to any  
595 other training or coursework prescribed by the Secretary of State  
596 to train circuit clerks, poll managers and any other election  
597 officials participating in county elections.

598 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no  
599 monies from the Elections Support Fund shall be used by the  
600 Secretary of State or any person associated with the Office of the  
601 Secretary of State to provide or otherwise support expert  
602 testimony in any manner for any hearing, trial or election  
603 contest.

604 (3) From and after July 1, 2017, none of the monies  
605 deposited in the Elections Support Fund may be used to reimburse  
606 or otherwise defray any costs that the Office of the Secretary of  
607 State may incur in administering the fund.

608 (4) From and after July 1, 2016, no state agency shall  
609 charge another state agency a fee, assessment, rent or other  
610 charge for services or resources received by authority of this  
611 section.





612           (5) By July 1, 2022, any monies not transferred into the  
613 State General Fund shall be transferred to the fund created in  
614 House Bill No.           , 2022 Regular Session, for the purchase of  
615 voting machines.

616           **SECTION 12.** Section 23-15-603, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
617 amended as follows:

618           23-15-603. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this  
619 section, the election commissioners shall, within ten (10) days  
620 after the general election, transmit to the Secretary of State, to  
621 be filed in his or her office, a statement of the whole number of  
622 votes given in their county and the whole number of votes given in  
623 each precinct in their county, for each candidate for any office  
624 at the election; but the returns of every election for Governor,  
625 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor  
626 of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Insurance and  
627 other state officers, shall each be made out separately, sealed up  
628 together and transmitted to the seat of government, directed to  
629 the Secretary of State, and endorsed the "VOTE FOR STATE  
630 OFFICERS," to be delivered by the Secretary of State to the  
631 Speaker of the House of Representatives at the next ensuing  
632 session of the Legislature. In addition to the other information  
633 required pursuant to this subsection, the returns for state  
634 officers shall contain a statement of the whole number of votes  
635 given in each House of Representative district or portion thereof  
636 for each candidate for state office at the election.



637           (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
638 constitutional amendments shall be voted for at the time fixed by  
639 the concurrent resolution. The election, whether held separately  
640 or with other elections, shall be conducted, in all respects, as  
641 required for elections generally. The election commissioners  
642 shall, within ten (10) days after the election, transmit to the  
643 Secretary of State a statement of the whole number of votes given  
644 in their county and the whole number of votes given in each  
645 precinct in their county for or against constitutional amendments.

646           (3) The statements certified by the election commissioners  
647 and transmitted to the Secretary of State, as required by this  
648 section, shall be tabulated by the Secretary of State and  
649 submitted to each branch of the Legislature, at the session next  
650 ensuing. Certified county vote totals shall represent the final  
651 results of the election.

652           (4) The statements required by this section shall contain a  
653 certification, signed and dated by a majority of the election  
654 commissioners, which shall read as follows:

655                   "We, the undersigned election commissioners, do  
656 hereby certify that this statement of the whole number  
657 of votes contains the official vote for the election  
658 reflected therein."

659           (5) The statements required by this section shall be  
660 transmitted to the Secretary of State on such forms and by such



661 methods as may be required by rules and regulations promulgated by  
662 the Secretary of State.

663 (6) If the results of a risk-limiting audit determine that  
664 the county election commissioners must manually recount an  
665 election, then the county election commissioners shall not be  
666 required to transmit the information required in subsections (1)  
667 and (2) of this section within ten (10) days of the election.  
668 When a manual recount is required, the elections commissioners  
669 shall transmit the results not later than five (5) business days  
670 after the results would have otherwise been required to be  
671 transmitted under subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

672 **SECTION 13.** The following shall be codified as Section  
673 23-15-823, Mississippi Code of 1972:

674 23-15-823. (1) The following words and phrases shall have  
675 the meanings as defined in this subsection unless the context  
676 clearly indicates otherwise:

677 (a) "Election" means a general, special, primary or  
678 runoff election.

679 (b) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks  
680 nomination for election, or election, to any elective office and  
681 has or intends to:

682 (i) Pay the assessment, file a written statement,  
683 and file a petition containing the signatures of the requisite  
684 number of voters, if applicable, pursuant to Sections 23-15-297  
685 and 23-15-299; or



686 (ii) Designate a principal campaign committee  
687 pursuant to 52 USCS Section 30102(e) and 11 CFR Section 101.1.

688 (c) "Social Media Platform" means any website and/or  
689 application that has a primary purpose of communication,  
690 collaboration, social interaction and/or sharing user-generated  
691 content through personalized web profiles. This definition shall  
692 not be construed to mean electronic mail, short message service,  
693 or other similar means of communication.

694 (2) (a) When a candidate and/or elected official has been  
695 restricted from a social media platform, the company which  
696 operates and/or maintains the social media platform, or its  
697 successor entities, shall file a report with the Secretary of  
698 State disclosing this action, on a form as prescribed by the  
699 Secretary, within three (3) business days of the day the  
700 restriction occurred.

701 (b) The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and  
702 regulations as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this  
703 section, including the public inspection, preservation of reports  
704 and a process by which candidates or elected officials may allege  
705 a violation of this section.

706 (3) When a social media platform indicates a good faith  
707 effort has been made to submit the information required, any  
708 record or report shall be considered in compliance with this  
709 section.



710           **SECTION 14.** The following shall be codified as Section  
711 23-15-395, Mississippi Code of 1972:

712           23-15-395. The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and  
713 regulations for the review, certification and decertification, and  
714 implementation of all voting systems. Before promulgating any  
715 rules or regulations, the Secretary of State shall present the  
716 proposed rules and regulations to the State Board of Election  
717 Commissioners for comment and approval. Upon approval of the  
718 rules and regulations by the State Board of Election  
719 Commissioners, the Secretary of State shall promulgate the  
720 approved rules and regulations.

721           **SECTION 15.** Section 23-15-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
722 amended as follows:

723           23-15-15. \* \* \* (1) The Statewide Elections Management  
724 System shall be compared with the Department of Public Safety  
725 driver's license database to ensure non-United States citizens are  
726 not registered to vote in this state. The Statewide Elections  
727 Management System shall notify the registrar, or his or her  
728 designee, of the county in which the person attempted to register  
729 to vote that the attempted voter may not be a citizen of the  
730 United States. If a person who has submitted a voter registration  
731 is flagged in the database as a potential noncitizen, the county  
732 registrar shall enter the person's information into the United  
733 States Citizenship and Immigration Service's Systematic Alien



734 Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) or its successor database for  
735 further inquiry.

736 (2) If, after following the procedures provided in  
737 subsection (1) of this section, both the Department of Public  
738 Safety driver's license database and SAVE indicate that the person  
739 is a noncitizen, the registrar, or his or her designee, shall send  
740 a notice to the attempted voter that he or she has been flagged as  
741 a noncitizen. Any attempted voter who receives the notice shall,  
742 within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such notice, provide  
743 proof of citizenship to the registrar or his or her designee. For  
744 purposes of this subsection (2), proof of citizenship includes,  
745 but is not limited to:

746 (a) The attempted voter's birth certificate or a  
747 legible photocopy of the birth certificate;

748 (b) A United States passport, or a legible photocopy of  
749 the pertinent pages of the passport, identifying the voter and  
750 showing the passport number;

751 (c) The attempted voter's United States naturalization  
752 documentation, a legible photocopy of the naturalization  
753 documentation or the number of the voter's certificate of  
754 naturalization; however, the number of the certificate of  
755 naturalization shall not be considered proof of citizenship until  
756 the Secretary of State verifies the number with the United States  
757 Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland  
758 Security or its successor; or



759           (d) Any document or method of proof of citizenship  
760 established by the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of  
761 1986, Public Law No. 99-603, compiled in 8 USCS Section 1101 et  
762 seq.

763           (3) If the attempted voter does not provide proof of  
764 citizenship within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the  
765 notification, the registrar, or his or her designee, where the  
766 person registered to vote shall purge the voter from the Statewide  
767 Elections Management System.

768           (4) In the event a person is unable to provide any of the  
769 documentation listed in subsection (2) to show proof of  
770 citizenship, the person may appeal to the election commissioners  
771 of the county in which he or she attempted to register and submit  
772 additional proof of citizenship in person or in writing. The  
773 election commissioners shall conduct a hearing and make a finding  
774 concerning the individual's citizenship status and shall forward a  
775 copy of their decision to the registrar, or his or her designee,  
776 of the county where the person resides as established in Section  
777 23-15-61. The registrar, or his or her designee, shall update the  
778 Statewide Elections Management System to accurately reflect the  
779 decision of the election commissioners with respect to such voter.

780           (5) All documentation provided to show proof of citizenship  
781 as well as the Department of Public Safety database or relevant  
782 federal and state agency and county records shall be confidential



783 and shall not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or  
784 reproduction under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

785 (6) On or before July 1, 2023, the Secretary of State shall  
786 compare the entire Statewide Elections Management System to the  
787 Department of Public Safety driver's license database and follow  
788 the procedures set forth in subsection (1) and (2) of this section  
789 as applicable.

790 (7) The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and  
791 regulations as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this  
792 section.

793 **SECTION 16.** Section 23-15-165, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
794 amended as follows:

795 23-15-165. (1) The Office of the Secretary of State, in  
796 cooperation with the county registrars and election commissioners,  
797 shall procure, implement and maintain an electronic information  
798 processing system and programs capable of maintaining a  
799 centralized database of all registered voters in the state. The  
800 system shall encompass software and hardware, at both the state  
801 and county level, software development training, conversion and  
802 support and maintenance for the system. This system shall be  
803 known as the ""Statewide Elections Management System"" and shall  
804 constitute the official record of registered voters in every  
805 county of the state.





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

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

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

813 (c) Receive regular reports of death, changes of  
814 address and convictions for disenfranchising crimes that apply to  
815 voters registered in the county; \* \* \*

816 (d) Retain all present functionality related to, but  
817 not limited to, the use of voter roll data and to implement such  
818 other functionality as the law requires to enhance the maintenance  
819 of accurate county voter records and related jury selection and  
820 redistricting programs \* \* \*; and

821 (e) When evidence exists that a particular registered  
822 voter may not be a citizen of the United States as provided in  
823 Section 23-15-15, send notification to the registrar of the  
824 location where the person is registered to vote.

825 (3) As a part of the procurement and implementation of the  
826 system, the Office of the Secretary of State shall, with the  
827 assistance of the advisory committee, procure services necessary  
828 to convert current voter registration records in the counties into  
829 a standard, industry accepted file format that can be used on the  
830 Statewide Elections Management System. Thereafter, all official



831 voter information shall be maintained on the Statewide Elections  
832 Management System. The standard industry accepted format of data  
833 was reviewed and approved by a majority of the advisory committee  
834 created in subsection (5) of this section after consultation with  
835 the Circuit Clerks Association and the format may not be changed  
836 without consulting the Circuit Clerks Association.

837 (4) The Secretary of State may, with the assistance of the  
838 advisory committee, adopt rules and regulations necessary to  
839 administer the Statewide Elections Management System. The rules  
840 and regulations shall at least:

841 (a) Provide for the establishment and maintenance of a  
842 centralized database for all voter registration information in the  
843 state;

844 (b) Provide procedures for integrating data into the  
845 centralized database;

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

850 (d) Provide the registrar or his or her designee or  
851 other appropriate official, as the law may require, access to the  
852 system at all times, including the ability to download copies of  
853 the industry standard file, for all purposes related to their  
854 official duties, including, but not limited to, exclusive access  
855 for the purpose of printing all local pollbooks;



856 (e) Provide security and protection of all information  
857 in the system and monitor the system to ensure that unauthorized  
858 access is not allowed;

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

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

866 (5) The Secretary of State established an advisory committee  
867 to assist in developing system specifications, procurement,  
868 implementation and maintenance of the Statewide Elections  
869 Management System. The committee included two (2) representatives  
870 from the Circuit Clerks Association, appointed by the association;  
871 two (2) representatives from the Election Commissioners  
872 Association of Mississippi, appointed by the association; one (1)  
873 member of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, or its  
874 staff, appointed by the association; the Director of the Stennis  
875 Institute of Government at Mississippi State University, or his or  
876 her designee; the Executive Director of the Department of  
877 Information Technology Services, or his or her designee; two (2)  
878 persons knowledgeable about elections and information technology  
879 appointed by the Secretary of State; and the Secretary of State,  
880 who shall serve as the chair of the advisory committee.



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

886 (b) Copies of statewide, district, county or municipal  
887 voter registration files, excluding social security numbers,  
888 telephone numbers and date of birth and age information, shall be  
889 provided to any person \* \* \*.

890 **SECTION 17.** The following shall be codified as Section  
891 23-15-152, Mississippi Code of 1972:

892 23-15-152. (1) For the purposes of this section,  
893 "confirmation notice" means a notice sent by the election  
894 commissioners, by forwardable mail, with return postage prepaid,  
895 on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, to a registered  
896 voter to confirm the registered voter's current address. The  
897 notice shall comply with all applicable requirements of the  
898 National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

899 (2) The election commissioners shall send a confirmation  
900 notice to the following:

901 (a) A registered voter if it appears from the United  
902 States Postal Service change-of-address information that the  
903 registered voter has moved to a different residence;

904 (b) A registered voter if a county election  
905 commissioner or county registrar has received notice from another



906 state, or political subdivision of another state, that the  
907 registered voter has registered to vote in another state;

908 (c) A registered voter who has failed to vote at least  
909 once in one (1) of the following periods:

910 (i) A period of three (3) years, which shall  
911 include two (2) federal general elections; or

912 (ii) A period of two (2) years, which shall  
913 include an election for Governor and a federal general election;

914 and

915 (d) A registered voter if the registrar or election  
916 commissioners have received reliable information that he or she  
917 has moved within or outside of the state.

918 No registered voter shall be sent a confirmation notice under  
919 paragraph (c) of this subsection if he or she has been sent a  
920 confirmation notice for those same reasons within the last six (6)  
921 years.

922 (3) The county election commissioners shall place any  
923 registered voter who has been sent a confirmation notice on  
924 inactive status in the Statewide Elections Management System. Any  
925 registered voter who is placed on inactive status shall be unable  
926 to cast a regular ballot on election day but shall be able to cast  
927 an affidavit ballot as provided in Section 23-15-573.

928 (4) A registered voter "fails to respond to the confirmation  
929 notice" if the voter, during a period of four (4) consecutive



930 years beginning from the date of the delivery of the confirmation  
931 notice, fails to:

932 (a) Respond to the confirmation notice; or

933 (b) Update the elector's registration information.

934 The period of four (4) consecutive years beginning from the  
935 date of the delivery of the confirmation notice required in  
936 subsection (4) of this section shall include two (2) general  
937 federal elections. A registered voter who votes at least once in  
938 any election in the registered voter's county of registration  
939 during the period of four (4) consecutive years beginning from the  
940 date of the delivery of the confirmation notice shall not be  
941 purged from the Statewide Elections Management System.

942 (5) The county registrar or county election commission shall  
943 move those registered voters who fail to respond to the  
944 confirmation notice as provided in subsection (4) and who fail to  
945 vote as provided in subsection (4) of this section to purged  
946 status in the Statewide Elections Management System.

947 (6) No systematic list maintenance shall occur during the  
948 ninety (90) days immediately preceding a federal primary or  
949 general election.

950 (7) The county registrar shall retain removed voter  
951 registration records after they are removed for a period that  
952 includes at least two (2) federal general elections and shall  
953 record the reason for the removal.



954           **SECTION 18.** Section 23-15-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
955 amended as follows:

956           23-15-125. The pollbook of each voting precinct shall  
957 designate the voting precinct for which it is to be used, and  
958 shall be ruled in appropriate columns, with printed or written  
959 headings, as follows: date of registration; voter registration  
960 number; name of electors; date of birth; and a number of blank  
961 columns for the dates of elections. All qualified applicants who  
962 register with the registrar shall be entered in the Statewide  
963 Elections Management System. Only the names of those qualified  
964 applicants who register within thirty (30) days before an election  
965 shall appear on the pollbooks of the election; however, if the  
966 thirtieth day to register before an election falls on a Sunday or  
967 legal holiday, the registration applications submitted on the  
968 business day immediately following the legal holiday shall be  
969 accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections Management System  
970 for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in the next election.  
971 When county election commissioners determine that any elector is  
972 disqualified from voting, by reason of death, conviction of a  
973 disenfranchising crime, removal from the jurisdiction, failure to  
974 comply with the provisions of Section 23-15-152, or other legal  
975 cause, that fact shall be noted in the Statewide Elections  
976 Management System and the voter's name shall be removed from the  
977 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and



978 the county's pollbooks. Nothing in this section shall preclude  
979 the use of electronic pollbooks.

980         **SECTION 19.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
981 and after July 1, 2022.

