

By: Senator(s) Tate

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2412

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-895, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXTEND THE PROHIBITION ON ELECTIONEERING ACTIVITIES TO ALL
3 PERSONS WITHIN THE POLLING PLACE AND IN ANY PUBLIC AREA THAT IS
4 WITHIN A SET DISTANCE OF THE POLLING PLACE; TO DEFINE THE
5 ACTIVITIES WHICH CONSTITUTE ELECTIONEERING; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-895, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 23-15-895. (1) For purposes of this section, the following
11 terms shall be defined as follows:

12 (a) "Polling place" means the physical place where
13 ballots and absentee ballots are cast and includes the circuit
14 clerk's office and city hall during the period in which absentee
15 ballots are cast.

16 (b) "Local issue" shall have the meaning ascribed to
17 such term in Section 23-15-375.

18 (2) The following activities are prohibited within a polling
19 place and in any public area within one hundred fifty (150) feet
20 of any operable entrance of a polling place:



21 (a) No person may make any oral, printed or written
22 attempt to persuade persons to refrain from voting, voting for or
23 voting against any candidate, constitutional amendment, local
24 issue or other measure printed on the ballot;

25 (b) No person may post or distribute cards, posters or
26 other campaign literature in support of or in opposition to any
27 candidate, constitutional amendment, local issue or other measure
28 printed on the ballot;

29 (c) No person may wear or display any apparel, badge,
30 button, pin, sticker or any other insignia which identifies by
31 name, photo or likeness any candidate, constitutional amendment,
32 local issue or other measure printed on the ballot; and

33 (d) No candidate or a representative named by him or
34 her in writing may appear at any polling place while one is armed
35 or uniformed, or displaying any badge or credentials except as may
36 be issued by the manager of the polling place.

37 (3) * * * This section shall be enforced by election
38 officials and law enforcement officials.

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2022.

