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To: Elections;  
Accountability, Efficiency,  
Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2576

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CANDIDATE OR  
2 CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL OFFICE IF  
3 THE CONTRIBUTION IS NOT REPORTED AS A CONTRIBUTION BEFORE THE DATE  
4 OF THE ELECTION; TO REQUIRE A POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF A CANDIDATE  
5 FOR NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL OFFICE TO OPEN A CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH A  
6 BANK AND DEPOSIT AND DISBURSE FUNDS TO BE USED IN THE CAMPAIGN  
7 FROM THE ACCOUNT; TO PROHIBIT A POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF A CANDIDATE  
8 FOR NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL OFFICE FROM BORROWING MONEY; AND FOR  
9 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** No candidate or candidate's political committee  
12 for nonpartisan judicial office shall accept a contribution that  
13 is not reported under Section 23-15-807 prior to the date of the  
14 election for which the candidate is seeking to be elected.

15 **SECTION 2.** (1) A political committee of a candidate for  
16 nonpartisan judicial office shall open a checking account with a  
17 bank. Funds received from any source to be used in the campaign  
18 for a nonpartisan judicial office by the political committee shall  
19 be deposited into the checking account and disbursed from it.



20           (2) No political committee of a candidate for nonpartisan  
21 judicial office shall be permitted to borrow money from any bank  
22 directly or indirectly or to indorse any note to any bank.

23           (3) As used in this section, "bank" has the same meaning as  
24 defined in Section 81-3-1.

25           **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act shall be codified in Title  
26 23, Article 31, Subarticle A, Mississippi Code of 1972.

27           **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
28 and after July 1, 2022.

