MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2022

By: Senator(s) Blackwell, Whaley, Younger

To: Elections; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2660

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTED OFFICIAL'S QUALIFICATION AS 2 A CANDIDATE FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE SHALL BE DEEMED A RESIGNATION AND 3 VACANCY OF THE OFFICIAL'S OFFICE IF THE TERM OF THE PUBLIC OFFICE 4 THAT IS SOUGHT BEGINS DURING THE TERM FOR WHICH THE ELECTED 5 OFFICIAL CURRENTLY SERVES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** An elected official's qualification as a

8 candidate for a public office shall be deemed a resignation and

9 vacancy of the official's office if the term of the public office

10 that is sought begins during the term for which the elected

11 official currently serves. Any vacancy created under this section

12 shall be filled as provided by law for that office.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from 14 and after July 1, 2022.