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To: Apportionment and
Elections; Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

HOUSE BILL NO. 36

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-805, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT ALL CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATEMENTS, REPORTS OF
3 CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED TO BE
4 FILED SHALL BE POSTED ONLINE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE; TO AMEND
5 SECTION 23-15-815, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-805, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

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

18 (b) Candidates for county or county district office, and
19 every political committee which makes reportable contributions to
20 or expenditures in support of or in opposition to a candidate for



21 such office or makes reportable contributions to or expenditures
22 in support of or in opposition to a countywide ballot measure or a
23 ballot measure affecting part of a county, excepting a municipal
24 ballot measure, shall electronically file all reports required by
25 this section * * * with the * * * Office of the Secretary of
26 State.

27 (c) Candidates for municipal office, and every political
28 committee which makes reportable contributions to or expenditures
29 in support of or in opposition to a candidate for such office, or
30 makes reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or
31 in opposition to a municipal ballot measure shall electronically
32 file all reports required by this article * * * with the * * *
33 Office of the Secretary of State.

34 (d) (i) The Secretary of State * * * shall make all reports
35 received under this subsection available for public inspection and
36 copying and shall preserve the reports for a period of five (5)
37 years.

38 (ii) All reports required to be filed under
39 subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be filed online
40 or via an alternate delivery method as prescribed by the Secretary
41 of State.

42 **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-815, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
43 amended as follows:



44 23-15-815. (a) The Secretary of State shall prescribe and
45 make available forms and promulgate rules and regulations
46 necessary to implement this article.

47 (b) The Secretary of State, circuit clerks and municipal
48 clerks shall, within forty-eight (48) hours after the time of the
49 receipt by the appropriate office of reports and statements filed
50 with it, make them available for public inspection, and copying at
51 the expense of the person requesting such copying, make them
52 available online as provided in Section 23-15-805 and keep such
53 designations, reports and statements for a period of * * * five
54 (5) years from the date of receipt.

55 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
56 and after January 1, 2024.

