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To: Apportionment and
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 61

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-227, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE POLL MANAGERS COMPENSATION TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY
3 DOLLARS; TO MAKE A MINOR, NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION
4 23-15-229, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE A MINOR,
5 NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-227, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 23-15-227. (1) The poll managers shall be each entitled
10 to * * * One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for each election;
11 however, the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the
12 poll managers an additional amount not to exceed Fifty Dollars
13 (\$50.00) per election.

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15 (* * *2) The poll manager who shall carry to the place of
16 voting, away from the courthouse, the official ballots, ballot
17 boxes, pollbooks and other necessities, shall be allowed Ten
18 Dollars (\$10.00) for each voting precinct for so doing. The poll
19 manager who acts as returning officer shall be allowed Ten Dollars



20 (\$10.00) for each voting precinct for that service. If a person
21 who performs the duties described in this subsection uses a
22 privately owned motor vehicle to perform them, he or she shall
23 receive for each mile actually and necessarily traveled in excess
24 of ten (10) miles, the mileage reimbursement rate allowable to
25 federal employees for the use of a privately owned vehicle while
26 on official travel.

27 (4) The compensation authorized in this section shall be
28 allowed by the board of supervisors, and shall be payable out of
29 the county treasury; provided, however, that any compensation for
30 additional pandemic pay due to a public health emergency may be
31 payable from federal funds available for such purpose, or a
32 combination of both county and federal funding sources.

33 (5) The compensation provided in this section shall
34 constitute payment in full for the services rendered by the
35 persons named for any election, whether there be one (1) election
36 or issue voted upon, or more than one (1) election or issue voted
37 upon at the same time.

38 (6) The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and
39 regulations as are necessary to ensure the safety of poll
40 managers, election commissioners, electors and their families at
41 the voting precincts during a COVID-19 public health risk or other
42 public health risk declared by the Governor where the appearance
43 of such persons may result in exposure to such risk or the
44 exposure of other persons to such risk.



45 **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-229, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
46 amended as follows:

47 23-15-229. The compensation for poll managers and other
48 workers in the polling places of a municipality shall be the same
49 as the compensation paid by the county for those services;
50 provided, however, that the governing authorities of a
51 municipality shall not be required to pay any additional
52 compensation authorized by the board of supervisors. The
53 governing authorities of a municipality may, in their discretion,
54 pay clerks and poll managers in the polling places of the
55 municipality an additional amount of compensation not to exceed
56 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per election * * *. Such compensation
57 shall be payable out of the county general fund, and may be
58 payable from federal funds available for such purpose, or a
59 combination of both funding sources.

60 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
61 and after July 1, 2023.

