

By: Representative Sanford

To: Apportionment and  
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 241

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-807, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE TIME FOR FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS WHEN THOSE  
3 REPORTS ARE FILED ELECTRONICALLY OR WITH A FAX MACHINE; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-807, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 23-15-807. (a) Each candidate or political committee shall  
9 file reports of contributions and disbursements in accordance with  
10 the provisions of this section. All candidates or political  
11 committees required to report such contributions and disbursements  
12 may terminate the obligation to report only upon submitting a  
13 final report that contributions will no longer be received or  
14 disbursements made and that the candidate or committee has no  
15 outstanding debts or obligations. The candidate, treasurer or  
16 chief executive officer shall sign the report.

17 (b) Candidates seeking election, or nomination for election,  
18 and political committees making expenditures to influence or  
19 attempt to influence voters for or against the nomination for



20 election of one or more candidates or balloted measures at such  
21 election, shall file the following reports:

22 (i) In any calendar year during which there is a  
23 regularly scheduled election, a pre-election report shall be filed  
24 no later than the seventh day before any election in which the  
25 candidate or political committee has accepted contributions or  
26 made expenditures and shall be completed as of the tenth day  
27 before the election;

28 (ii) In 1987 and every fourth year thereafter, periodic  
29 reports shall be filed no later than the tenth day after April 30,  
30 May 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, and shall be  
31 completed as of the last day of each period;

32 (iii) In any calendar years except 1987 and except  
33 every fourth year thereafter, a report covering the calendar year  
34 shall be filed no later than January 31 of the following calendar  
35 year; and

36 (iv) Except as otherwise provided in the requirements  
37 of paragraph (i) of this subsection (b), unopposed candidates are  
38 not required to file pre-election reports but must file all other  
39 reports required by paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of this subsection  
40 (b).

41 (c) All candidates for judicial office as defined in Section  
42 23-15-975, or their political committees, shall file periodic  
43 reports in the year in which they are to be elected no later than



44 the tenth day after April 30, May 31, June 30, September 30 and  
45 December 31.

46 (d) Each report under this article shall disclose:

47 (i) For the reporting period and the calendar year, the  
48 total amount of all contributions and the total amount of all  
49 expenditures of the candidate or reporting committee, including  
50 those required to be identified pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this  
51 subsection (d) as well as the total of all other contributions and  
52 expenditures during the calendar year. The reports shall be  
53 cumulative during the calendar year to which they relate;

54 (ii) The identification of:

55 1. Each person or political committee who makes a  
56 contribution to the reporting candidate or political committee  
57 during the reporting period, whose contribution or contributions  
58 within the calendar year have an aggregate amount or value in  
59 excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) together with the date and  
60 amount of any such contribution;

61 2. Each person or organization, candidate or  
62 political committee who receives an expenditure, payment or other  
63 transfer from the reporting candidate, political committee or its  
64 agent, employee, designee, contractor, consultant or other person  
65 or persons acting in its behalf during the reporting period when  
66 the expenditure, payment or other transfer to the person,  
67 organization, candidate or political committee within the calendar  
68 year have an aggregate value or amount in excess of Two Hundred



69 Dollars (\$200.00) together with the date and amount of the  
70 expenditure;

71 (iii) The total amount of cash on hand of each  
72 reporting candidate and reporting political committee;

73 (iv) In addition to the contents of reports specified  
74 in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of this subsection (d), each  
75 political party shall disclose:

76 1. Each person or political committee who makes a  
77 contribution to a political party during the reporting period and  
78 whose contribution or contributions to a political party within  
79 the calendar year have an aggregate amount or value in excess of  
80 Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), together with the date and amount  
81 of the contribution;

82 2. Each person or organization who receives an  
83 expenditure or expenditures by a political party during the  
84 reporting period when the expenditure or expenditures to the  
85 person or organization within the calendar year have an aggregate  
86 value or amount in excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00),  
87 together with the date and amount of the expenditure;

88 (v) Disclosure required under this section of an  
89 expenditure to a credit card issuer, financial institution or  
90 business allowing payments and money transfers to be made over the  
91 Internet must include, by way of detail or separate entry, the  
92 amount of funds passing to each person, business entity or  
93 organization receiving funds from the expenditure.



94 (e) The appropriate office specified in Section 23-15-805  
95 must be in actual receipt of the reports specified in this article  
96 by 5:00 p.m. on the dates specified in subsection (b) of this  
97 section if the reports are hand delivered or delivered by mail;  
98 however, if the reports are filed electronically or by an  
99 electronic facsimile (FAX) device, the appropriate office  
100 specified in Section 23-15-805 must be in actual receipt of the  
101 reports specified in this article by 11:59 p.m. on the dates  
102 specified in subsection (b) of this section. If the date  
103 specified in subsection (b) of this section shall fall on a  
104 weekend or legal holiday then the report shall be due in the  
105 appropriate office at 5:00 p.m. or 11:59 p.m., as appropriate, on  
106 the first working day before the date specified in subsection (b)  
107 of this section. The reporting candidate or reporting political  
108 committee shall ensure that the reports are delivered to the  
109 appropriate office by the filing deadline. The Secretary of State  
110 may approve specific means of electronic transmission of completed  
111 campaign finance disclosure reports, which may include, but not be  
112 limited to, transmission by electronic facsimile (FAX) devices.

113 (f) (i) If any contribution of more than Two Hundred  
114 Dollars (\$200.00) is received by a candidate or candidate's  
115 political committee after the tenth day, but more than forty-eight  
116 (48) hours before 12:01 a.m. of the day of the election, the  
117 candidate or political committee shall notify the appropriate  
118 office designated in Section 23-15-805, within forty-eight (48)



119 hours of receipt of the contribution. The notification shall  
120 include:

- 121 1. The name of the receiving candidate;
- 122 2. The name of the receiving candidate's political  
123 committee, if any;
- 124 3. The office sought by the candidate;
- 125 4. The identification of the contributor;
- 126 5. The date of receipt;
- 127 6. The amount of the contribution;
- 128 7. If the contribution is in-kind, a description  
129 of the in-kind contribution; and
- 130 8. The signature of the candidate or the treasurer  
131 or chair of the candidate's political organization.

132 (ii) The notification shall be in writing, and may be  
133 transmitted by overnight mail, courier service, or other reliable  
134 means, including electronic facsimile (FAX), but the candidate or  
135 candidate's committee shall ensure that the notification shall in  
136 fact be received in the appropriate office designated in Section  
137 23-15-805 within forty-eight (48) hours of the contribution.

138 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
139 and after July 1, 2023.

