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To: Apportionment and
Elections; County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 552

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 INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF THE POLL MANAGERS WHO
4 CARRY AND RETURN THE BALLOTS TO THIRTY DOLLARS; TO MAKE A MINOR,
5 NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-229, MISSISSIPPI
6 CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE A MINOR, NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGE; AND FOR
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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17 (* * * 2) The poll manager who shall carry to the place of
18 voting, away from the courthouse, the official ballots, ballot
19 boxes, pollbooks and other necessities, shall be allowed * * *
20 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each voting precinct for so doing.



21 The poll manager who acts as returning officer shall be allowed
22 * * * Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each voting precinct for that
23 service. If a person who performs the duties described in this
24 subsection uses a privately owned motor vehicle to perform them,
25 he or she shall receive for each mile actually and necessarily
26 traveled in excess of ten (10) miles, the mileage reimbursement
27 rate allowable to federal employees for the use of a privately
28 owned vehicle while on official travel.

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

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

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



45 of such persons may result in exposure to such risk or the
46 exposure of other persons to such risk.

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

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

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

