

By: Representative Arnold

To: Judiciary B;  
Constitution

HOUSE BILL NO. 1247

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS OTHERWISE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR AND  
3 HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE  
4 SUSPENDED UPON CONVICTION AND SHALL NOT HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO  
5 VOTE RESTORED UNTIL HE OR SHE HAS SATISFIED ALL OF THE SENTENCING  
6 REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONVICTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-19,  
7 23-15-125, 23-15-151, 23-15-153, 23-15-165, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
8 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; TO BRING FORWARD  
9 SECTIONS 97-39-3 AND 99-19-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE  
10 PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
13 amended as follows:

14 23-15-11. (1) Every inhabitant of this state, except  
15 persons adjudicated to be non compos mentis, shall be a qualified  
16 elector in and for the county, municipality and voting precinct of  
17 his or her residence and shall be entitled to vote at any election  
18 upon compliance with Section 23-15-563, if he or she is:

19 (a) \* \* \* A citizen of the United States of  
20 America \* \* \*;

21 (b) Eighteen (18) years old and upwards,



22           (c) \* \* \* A resident in this state for thirty (30) days  
23 and for thirty (30) days in the county in which he or she seeks to  
24 vote, and for thirty (30) days in the incorporated municipality in  
25 which he or she seeks to vote \* \* \*; and

26           (d) \* \* \* Duly registered as an elector under Section  
27 23-15-33 \* \* \*.

28           (2) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector under the  
29 provisions of subsection (1) and has been convicted of a felony  
30 shall have his or her right to vote suspended upon conviction and  
31 shall not have his or her right to vote restored until he or she  
32 has completed all of the sentencing requirements of the  
33 conviction.

34           (3) If the thirtieth day to register before an election  
35 falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, the registration applications  
36 submitted on the business day immediately following the Sunday or  
37 legal holiday shall be accepted and entered in the Statewide  
38 Elections Management System for the purpose of enabling voters to  
39 vote in the next election.

40           (4) Any person who will be eighteen (18) years of age or  
41 older on or before the date of the general election and who is  
42 duly registered to vote not less than thirty (30) days before the  
43 primary election associated with the general election, may vote in  
44 the primary election even though the person has not reached his or  
45 her eighteenth birthday at the time that the person seeks to vote  
46 at the primary election.



47       (5) No others than those specified in this section shall be  
48 entitled, or shall be allowed, to vote at any election.

49       **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
50 amended as follows:

51       23-15-19. Any person who has been convicted of \* \* \* a  
52 felony shall \* \* \* have his or her right to vote suspended upon  
53 conviction and shall not have his or her right to vote restored  
54 under he or she has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements  
55 of the conviction. Whenever any person shall be convicted in the  
56 circuit court of his or her county of a \* \* \* felony, the county  
57 registrar shall \* \* \* remove his or her name from the Statewide  
58 Elections Management System until he or she has satisfied all of  
59 the sentencing requirements of the conviction; and whenever any  
60 person shall be convicted of a \* \* \* felony in any other court of  
61 any county, the presiding judge of the court shall, on demand,  
62 certify the fact in writing to the registrar of the county in  
63 which the voter resides, who shall \* \* \* remove the name of the  
64 person from the Statewide Elections Management System until he or  
65 she has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the  
66 conviction and retain the certificate as a record of his or her  
67 office.

68       **SECTION 3.** Section 23-15-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
69 amended as follows:

70       23-15-125. The pollbook of each voting precinct shall  
71 designate the voting precinct for which it is to be used, and



72 shall be ruled in appropriate columns, with printed or written  
73 headings, as follows: date of registration; voter registration  
74 number; name of electors; date of birth; and a number of blank  
75 columns for the dates of elections. All qualified applicants who  
76 register with the registrar shall be entered in the Statewide  
77 Elections Management System. Only the names of those qualified  
78 applicants who register within thirty (30) days before an election  
79 shall appear on the pollbooks of the election; however, if the  
80 thirtieth day to register before an election falls on a Sunday or  
81 legal holiday, the registration applications submitted on the  
82 business day immediately following the legal holiday shall be  
83 accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections Management System  
84 for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in the next election.  
85 When county election commissioners determine that any elector is  
86 disqualified from voting, by reason of death, conviction of  
87 a \* \* \* felony, removal from the jurisdiction, or other legal  
88 cause, that fact shall be noted in the Statewide Elections  
89 Management System and the voter's name shall be removed from the  
90 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and  
91 the county's pollbooks. Nothing in this section shall preclude  
92 the use of electronic pollbooks. A person who is otherwise a  
93 qualified elector under the provisions of Section 23-15-11 and has  
94 been convicted of a felony shall have his or her right to vote  
95 suspended upon conviction and shall not have his or her right to  
96 vote restored until he or she has satisfied all of the sentencing



97 requirements of the conviction. Once the person has satisfied all  
98 of the sentencing requirements of the conviction, the voter's name  
99 shall be restored into the Statewide Elections Management System,  
100 the state's voter roll and the county's pollbooks.

101 **SECTION 4.** Section 23-15-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
102 amended as follows:

103 23-15-151. The circuit clerk of each county is authorized  
104 and directed to prepare and keep in his or her office a full and  
105 complete list, in alphabetical order, of persons \* \* \* whose right  
106 to vote has been suspended upon his or her conviction of a felony.  
107 A certified copy of any enrollment by one clerk to another will be  
108 sufficient authority for the enrollment of the name, or names, in  
109 another county. A list of persons \* \* \* whose right to vote has  
110 been suspended upon his or her conviction of a felony shall also  
111 be entered into the Statewide Elections Management System on a  
112 quarterly basis. \* \* \* A person who is otherwise a qualified  
113 elector under the provisions of Section 23-15-11 and has been  
114 convicted of a felony shall have his or her right to vote  
115 suspended upon conviction but shall have his or her right to vote  
116 automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of the  
117 sentencing requirements of the conviction. Once the person has  
118 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements, the voter's name  
119 shall be automatically restored into the Statewide Elections  
120 Management System, the state's voter roll and the county's  
121 pollbooks.



122           **SECTION 5.** Section 23-15-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
123 amended as follows:

124           23-15-153. (1) At least during the following times, the  
125 election commissioners shall meet at the office of the registrar  
126 or the office of the election commissioners to carefully revise  
127 the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the  
128 Statewide Elections Management System and remove from the roll the  
129 names of all voters who have requested to be purged from the voter  
130 roll, died, received an adjudication of non compos mentis, been  
131 convicted of a \* \* \* felony and had his or her right to vote  
132 suspended, or otherwise become disqualified as electors for any  
133 cause, and shall register the names of all persons who have duly  
134 applied to be registered but have been illegally denied  
135 registration:

136           (a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January  
137 1987 and every following year;

138           (b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately  
139 preceding the first primary election for members of Congress in  
140 the years when members of Congress are elected;

141           (c) On the first Monday in the month immediately  
142 preceding the first primary election for state, state district  
143 legislative, county and county district offices in the years in  
144 which those offices are elected; and



145           (d) On the second Monday of September preceding the  
146 general election or regular special election day in years in which  
147 a general election is not conducted.

148           Except for the names of those voters who are duly qualified  
149 to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain in  
150 the Statewide Elections Management System; however, no name shall  
151 be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System based on  
152 a change in the residence of an elector except in accordance with  
153 procedures provided for by the National Voter Registration Act of  
154 1993. Except as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-573, no  
155 person shall vote at any election whose name is not in the county  
156 voter roll electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections  
157 Management System.

158           (2) Except as provided in this section, and subject to the  
159 following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be  
160 entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten  
161 Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for  
162 every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated  
163 over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of  
164 their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in  
165 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in  
166 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained  
167 by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in  
168 subsection (1) of this section:



169           (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand  
170 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
171 census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than  
172 fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
173 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

174           (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)  
175 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
176 less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the  
177 latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75)  
178 days per year, with no more than twenty-five (25) additional days  
179 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)  
180 occurring in any calendar year;

181           (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)  
182 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
183 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the  
184 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100)  
185 days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days  
186 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)  
187 occurring in any calendar year;

188           (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)  
189 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
190 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the  
191 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred  
192 twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45)





193 additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess  
194 of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

195 (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)  
196 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
197 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents  
198 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
199 one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than  
200 fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
201 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

202 (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand  
203 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
204 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents  
205 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
206 one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than  
207 sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
208 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

209 (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)  
210 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
211 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents  
212 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
213 one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than  
214 seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each  
215 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

216 (h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand  
217 (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial



218 census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)  
219 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not  
220 more than two hundred fifteen (215) days per year, with no more  
221 than eighty-five (85) additional days allowed for the conduct of  
222 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

223 (i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand  
224 (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
225 census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000)  
226 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not  
227 more than two hundred thirty (230) days per year, with no more  
228 than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of  
229 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

230 (j) In counties having two hundred seventy-five  
231 thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal  
232 decennial census or more, not more than two hundred forty (240)  
233 days per year, with no more than one hundred five (105) additional  
234 days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)  
235 occurring in any calendar year.

236 (3) In addition to the number of days authorized in  
237 subsection (2) of this section, the board of supervisors of a  
238 county may authorize, in its discretion, the election  
239 commissioners to receive a per diem in the amount provided for in  
240 subsection (2) of this section, to be paid from the county general  
241 fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours  
242 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the



243 performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or  
244 actually employed in the performance of their duties for the  
245 necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as  
246 electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management  
247 System as required in subsection (1) of this section, not to  
248 exceed five (5) days.

249 (4) (a) The election commissioners shall be entitled to  
250 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars  
251 (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed  
252 ten (10) days for every day or period of no less than five (5)  
253 hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in  
254 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in  
255 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained  
256 by the Statewide Elections Management System before any special  
257 election. For purposes of this paragraph, the regular special  
258 election day shall not be considered a special election. The  
259 annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section  
260 shall not apply to this paragraph.

261 (b) The election commissioners shall be entitled to  
262 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Sixty-five Dollars  
263 (\$165.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for the  
264 performance of their duties on the day of any primary, runoff,  
265 general or special election. The annual limitations set forth in  
266 subsection (2) of this section shall apply to this paragraph.



267 (c) The board of supervisors may, in its discretion,  
268 pay the election commissioners an additional amount not to exceed  
269 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the performance of their duties at any  
270 election occurring from July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020,  
271 which shall be considered additional pandemic pay. Such  
272 compensation shall be payable out of the county general fund, and  
273 may be payable from federal funds available for such purpose, or a  
274 combination of both funding sources.

275 (5) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive  
276 a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to  
277 be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed fourteen (14)  
278 days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours  
279 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the  
280 performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the  
281 revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by  
282 the Statewide Elections Management System and in the conduct of a  
283 runoff election following either a general or special election.

284 (6) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive  
285 only one (1) per diem payment for those days when the election  
286 commissioners discharge more than one (1) duty or responsibility  
287 on the same day.

288 (7) In preparation for a municipal primary, runoff, general  
289 or special election, the county registrar shall generate and  
290 distribute the master voter roll and pollbooks from the Statewide  
291 Elections Management System for the municipality located within



292 the county. The municipality shall pay the county registrar for  
293 the actual cost of preparing and printing the municipal master  
294 voter roll pollbooks. A municipality may secure "read only"  
295 access to the Statewide Elections Management System and print its  
296 own pollbooks using this information.

297 (8) County election commissioners who perform the duties of  
298 an executive committee with regard to the conduct of a primary  
299 election under a written agreement authorized by law to be entered  
300 into with an executive committee shall receive per diem as  
301 provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The days that  
302 county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of a  
303 primary election shall be treated the same as days county election  
304 commissioners are employed in the conduct of other elections.

305 (9) In addition to any per diem authorized by this section,  
306 any election commissioner shall be entitled to the mileage  
307 reimbursement rate allowable to federal employees for the use of a  
308 privately owned vehicle while on official travel on election day.

309 (10) Every election commissioner shall sign personally a  
310 certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked in  
311 the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for  
312 which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must  
313 be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's  
314 signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's  
315 oath of office and under penalties of perjury.

316 The certification form shall be as follows:



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**COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

**PER DIEM CLAIM FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

	PURPOSE	APPLICABLE	ACTUAL	PER DIEM
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TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED \_\_\_\_\_  
 EXCLUDING ELECTION DAYS \_\_\_\_\_  
 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$110.00  
 TOTAL NUMBER PER DIEM DAYS EARNED \_\_\_\_\_  
 FOR ELECTION DAYS \_\_\_\_\_  
 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$165.00  
 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PER DIEM CLAIMED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I am signing this document under my oath as an election commissioner and under penalties of perjury.

I understand that I am requesting payment from taxpayer funds and that I have an obligation to be specific and truthful as to the amount of hours worked and the compensation I am requesting.

Signed this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.



342 Commissioner's Signature

343 When properly completed and signed, the certification must be  
344 filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors before any  
345 payment may be made. The certification will be a public record  
346 available for inspection and reproduction immediately upon the  
347 oral or written request of any person.

348 Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in  
349 any respect by notifying the chair of the commission, any member  
350 of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of  
351 supervisors of the contest at any time before or after payment is  
352 made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment  
353 shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is  
354 finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be  
355 entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of  
356 supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor  
357 compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents  
358 and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo  
359 to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be  
360 perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the  
361 commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of  
362 supervisors, as the case may be.

363 Any contestor who successfully contests any certification  
364 will be awarded all expenses incident to his or her contest,  
365 together with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded  
366 upon petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon



367 final disposition of the contest before the election commission,  
368 board of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in  
369 case of an appeal, final disposition by the court. The  
370 commissioner against whom the contest is decided shall be liable  
371 for the payment of the expenses and attorney's fees, and the  
372 county shall be jointly and severally liable for same.

373 (11) Any election commissioner who has not received a  
374 certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section  
375 23-15-211 indicating that the election commissioner has received  
376 the required elections seminar instruction and that the election  
377 commissioner is fully qualified to conduct an election, shall not  
378 receive any compensation authorized by this section or Section  
379 23-15-239.

380 **SECTION 6.** Section 23-15-165, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
381 amended as follows:

382 23-15-165. (1) The Office of the Secretary of State, in  
383 cooperation with the county registrars and election commissioners,  
384 shall procure, implement and maintain an electronic information  
385 processing system and programs capable of maintaining a  
386 centralized database of all registered voters in the state. The  
387 system shall encompass software and hardware, at both the state  
388 and county level, software development training, conversion and  
389 support and maintenance for the system. This system shall be  
390 known as the "Statewide Elections Management System" and shall





391 constitute the official record of registered voters in every  
392 county of the state.

393 (2) The Office of the Secretary of State shall develop and  
394 implement the Statewide Elections Management System so that the  
395 registrar and election commissioners of each county shall:

396 (a) Verify that an applicant that is registering to  
397 vote in that county is not registered to vote in another county;

398 (b) Be notified automatically that a registered voter  
399 in its county has registered to vote in another county;

400 (c) Receive regular reports of death, changes of  
401 address and convictions for \* \* \* felonies, which cause a voter to  
402 have his or her right to vote suspended, that apply to voters  
403 registered in the county; \* \* \*

404 (d) Receive regular reports of voters who have  
405 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of his or her  
406 conviction and automatically restore the voter's name into the  
407 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and  
408 the county's pollbooks; and

409 ( \* \* \*e) Retain all present functionality related to,  
410 but not limited to, the use of voter roll data and to implement  
411 such other functionality as the law requires to enhance the  
412 maintenance of accurate county voter records and related jury  
413 selection and redistricting programs.

414 (3) As a part of the procurement and implementation of the  
415 system, the Office of the Secretary of State shall, with the



416 assistance of the advisory committee, procure services necessary  
417 to convert current voter registration records in the counties into  
418 a standard, industry accepted file format that can be used on the  
419 Statewide Elections Management System. Thereafter, all official  
420 voter information shall be maintained on the Statewide Elections  
421 Management System. The standard industry accepted format of data  
422 was reviewed and approved by a majority of the advisory committee  
423 created in subsection (5) of this section after consultation with  
424 the Circuit Clerks Association and the format may not be changed  
425 without consulting the Circuit Clerks Association.

426 (4) The Secretary of State may, with the assistance of the  
427 advisory committee, adopt rules and regulations necessary to  
428 administer the Statewide Elections Management System. The rules  
429 and regulations shall at least:

430 (a) Provide for the establishment and maintenance of a  
431 centralized database for all voter registration information in the  
432 state;

433 (b) Provide procedures for integrating data into the  
434 centralized database;

435 (c) Provide security to ensure that only the registrar,  
436 or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law  
437 may require, can add information to, delete information from and  
438 modify information in the system;

439 (d) Provide the registrar or his or her designee or  
440 other appropriate official, as the law may require, access to the



441 system at all times, including the ability to download copies of  
442 the industry standard file, for all purposes related to their  
443 official duties, including, but not limited to, exclusive access  
444 for the purpose of printing all local pollbooks;

445 (e) Provide security and protection of all information  
446 in the system and monitor the system to ensure that unauthorized  
447 access is not allowed;

448 (f) Provide a procedure that will allow the registrar,  
449 or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law  
450 may require, to identify the precinct to which a voter should be  
451 assigned; and

452 (g) Provide a procedure for phasing in or converting  
453 existing manual and computerized voter registration systems in  
454 counties to the Statewide Elections Management System.

455 (5) The Secretary of State established an advisory committee  
456 to assist in developing system specifications, procurement,  
457 implementation and maintenance of the Statewide Elections  
458 Management System. The committee included two (2) representatives  
459 from the Circuit Clerks Association, appointed by the association;  
460 two (2) representatives from the Election Commissioners  
461 Association of Mississippi, appointed by the association; one (1)  
462 member of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, or its  
463 staff, appointed by the association; the Director of the Stennis  
464 Institute of Government at Mississippi State University, or his or  
465 her designee; the Executive Director of the Department of



466 Information Technology Services, or his or her designee; two (2)  
467 persons knowledgeable about elections and information technology  
468 appointed by the Secretary of State; and the Secretary of State,  
469 who shall serve as the chair of the advisory committee.

470 (6) (a) Social security numbers, telephone numbers and date  
471 of birth and age information in statewide, district, county and  
472 municipal voter registration files shall be exempt from and shall  
473 not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction  
474 under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

475 (b) Copies of statewide, district, county or municipal  
476 voter registration files, excluding social security numbers,  
477 telephone numbers and date of birth and age information, shall be  
478 provided to any person in accordance with the Mississippi Public  
479 Records Act of 1983 at a cost not to exceed the actual cost of  
480 production.

481 **SECTION 7.** Section 97-39-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
482 brought forward as follows:

483 97-39-3. If any person shall fight a duel, or give or accept  
484 a challenge to fight a duel, or knowingly carry or deliver such  
485 challenge or the acceptance thereof, or be second to either party  
486 to any duel, whether such act be done in the state or out of it,  
487 or who shall go out of the state to fight a duel, or to assist in  
488 the same as second, or to send, accept, or carry a challenge,  
489 shall be disqualified from holding any office, be disenfranchised,  
490 and incapable of holding or being elected to any post of honor,



491 profit or emolument, civil or military, under the constitution and  
492 laws of this state; and the appointment of any such person to  
493 office, as also all votes given to any such person, are illegal,  
494 and none of the votes given to such person for any office shall be  
495 taken or counted.

496         **SECTION 8.** Section 99-19-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
497 brought forward as follows:

498         99-19-37. (1) Any person who has lost the right of suffrage  
499 by reason of conviction of crime and has not been pardoned  
500 therefrom, who thereafter served honorably in any branch of the  
501 Armed Forces of the United States during the periods of World War  
502 I or World War II as hereinafter defined and shall have received  
503 an honorable discharge, or release therefrom, shall by reason of  
504 such honorable service, have the full right of suffrage restored,  
505 provided, however, this does not apply to any one having an  
506 unfinished or suspended sentence.

507         (2) For the purposes of this section the period of World War  
508 I shall be from April 6, 1917 to December 1, 1918, and the period  
509 of World War II shall be from December 7, 1941 to December 31,  
510 1946.

511         (3) In order to have restored, and to exercise, the right of  
512 franchise under the provisions of this section a person affected  
513 hereby shall have his discharge, or release, from the Armed Forces  
514 of the United States recorded in the office of the chancery clerk  
515 of the county in which such person desires to exercise the right



516 of franchise and if such discharge, or release, appears to be an  
517 honorable discharge, or release, and shows such person to have  
518 served honorably during either of the periods stated in subsection  
519 (2) of this section such person shall have the full right of  
520 suffrage restored as though an act had been passed by the  
521 Legislature in accordance with Section 253 of the Constitution of  
522 the State of Mississippi restoring the right of suffrage to such  
523 person.

524       **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
525 and after July 1 in the year following the year in which the  
526 Secretary of State certifies the passage of the constitutional  
527 amendment proposed in House Concurrent Resolution No. 28, 2023  
528 Regular Session.

