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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2126

1 AN ACT TO ENACT THE RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE ACT; TO
 2 PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO BEEN CONVICTED OF VOTE FRAUD, OF ANY
 3 CRIME LISTED IN SECTION 241, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, OR
 4 OF ANY CRIME INTERPRETED AS DISENFRANCHISING IN LATER ATTORNEY
 5 GENERAL OR JUDICIAL OPINIONS IS OTHERWISE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR,
 6 SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE SUSPENDED UPON CONVICTION BUT
 7 SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED ONCE HE
 8 OR SHE HAS SATISFIED ALL OF THE SENTENCING REQUIREMENTS OF THE
 9 CONVICTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-11, 23-15-19, 23-15-125,
 10 23-15-151, 23-15-153 AND 23-15-165, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 11 CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the
 14 "Restoration of the Right to Vote Act."

15 **SECTION 2.** A person who has been convicted of vote fraud, of
 16 any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890,
 17 or of any crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney
 18 General or judicial opinions and is otherwise a qualified elector
 19 under Section 23-15-11, shall have his or her right to vote
 20 suspended upon conviction. The person shall have his or her right
 21 to vote automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of
 22 the sentencing requirements of the conviction.



23 **SECTION 3.** Section 23-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
24 amended as follows:

25 23-15-11. (1) Every inhabitant of this state, except
26 persons adjudicated to be non compos mentis, shall be a qualified
27 elector in and for the county, municipality and voting precinct of
28 his or her residence and shall be entitled to vote at any election
29 upon compliance with Section 23-15-563, if he or she:

30 (a) * * * Is a citizen of the United States of
31 America * * *;

32 (b) Is eighteen (18) years old and upwards * * *;

33 (c) * * * Has resided in this state for thirty (30) days
34 and for thirty (30) days in the county in which he or she seeks to
35 vote, and for thirty (30) days in the incorporated municipality in
36 which he or she seeks to vote * * *;

37 (d) * * * Has been duly registered as an elector under
38 Section 23-15-33 * * *; and

39 (e) * * * Has never been convicted of vote fraud or of
40 any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of
41 1890 * * *.

42 If the thirtieth day to register before an election falls on
43 a Sunday or legal holiday, the registration applications submitted
44 on the business day immediately following the Sunday or legal
45 holiday shall be accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections
46 Management System for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in
47 the next election.



48 (2) A person who has been convicted of vote fraud, of any
49 crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or
50 of any crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney
51 General or judicial opinions and is otherwise a qualified elector
52 under subsection (1) of this section, shall have his or her right
53 to vote suspended upon conviction. The person shall have his or
54 her right to vote automatically restored once he or she has
55 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction.

56 (3) Any person who will be eighteen (18) years of age or
57 older on or before the date of the general election and who is
58 duly registered to vote not less than thirty (30) days before the
59 primary election associated with the general election, may vote in
60 the primary election even though the person has not reached his or
61 her eighteenth birthday at the time that the person seeks to vote
62 at the primary election.

63 (4) No others than those specified in this section shall be
64 entitled, or shall be allowed, to vote at any election.

65 **SECTION 4.** Section 23-15-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
66 amended as follows:

67 23-15-19. Any person who has been convicted of vote
68 fraud * * *, any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi
69 Constitution of 1890, or of any crime interpreted as
70 disenfranchising in later Attorney General or judicial opinions,
71 such crimes defined as "disenfranchising," shall * * * have his or
72 her right to vote suspended upon conviction but shall have his or



73 her right to vote automatically restored once he or she has
74 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction
75 unless the person is otherwise a disqualified elector under
76 Section 23-15-11. Whenever any person shall be convicted in the
77 circuit court of his or her county of a disenfranchising crime,
78 the county registrar shall thereupon remove his or her name from
79 the Statewide Elections Management System * * * until he or she
80 has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the
81 conviction. Whenever any person shall be convicted of a
82 disenfranchising crime in any other court of any county, the
83 presiding judge of the court shall, on demand, certify the fact in
84 writing to the registrar of the county in which the voter resides,
85 who shall * * * remove the name of the person from the Statewide
86 Elections Management System and retain the certificate as a record
87 of his or her office until he or she has satisfied all of the
88 sentencing requirements of the conviction.

89 **SECTION 5.** Section 23-15-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
90 amended as follows:

91 23-15-125. The pollbook of each voting precinct shall
92 designate the voting precinct for which it is to be used, and
93 shall be ruled in appropriate columns, with printed or written
94 headings, as follows: date of registration; voter registration
95 number; name of electors; date of birth; and a number of blank
96 columns for the dates of elections. All qualified applicants who
97 register with the registrar shall be entered in the Statewide



98 Elections Management System. Only the names of those qualified
99 applicants who register within thirty (30) days before an election
100 shall appear on the pollbooks of the election; however, if the
101 thirtieth day to register before an election falls on a Sunday or
102 legal holiday, the registration applications submitted on the
103 business day immediately following the legal holiday shall be
104 accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections Management System
105 for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in the next election.
106 When county election commissioners determine that any elector is
107 disqualified from voting, by reason of death, conviction of a
108 disenfranchising crime, removal from the jurisdiction, or other
109 legal cause, that fact shall be noted in the Statewide Elections
110 Management System and the voter's name shall be removed from the
111 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and
112 the county's pollbooks. Nothing in this section shall preclude
113 the use of electronic pollbooks. A person who has been convicted
114 of vote fraud, of any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi
115 Constitution of 1890, or of any crime interpreted as
116 disenfranchising in later Attorney General or judicial opinions
117 and is otherwise a qualified elector under the provisions of
118 Section 23-15-11, shall have his or her right to vote suspended
119 upon conviction. The person shall have his or her right to vote
120 automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of the
121 sentencing requirements of the conviction. Once the person has
122 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction,



123 the voter's name shall be automatically restored into the
124 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and
125 the county's pollbooks.

126 **SECTION 6.** Section 23-15-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
127 amended as follows:

128 23-15-151. The circuit clerk of each county is authorized
129 and directed to prepare and keep in his or her office a full and
130 complete list, in alphabetical order, of persons convicted of
131 voter fraud * * *, of any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi
132 Constitution of 1890 or of any crime interpreted as
133 disenfranchising in later Attorney General or judicial opinions.

134 A certified copy of any enrollment by one clerk to another will be
135 sufficient authority for the enrollment of the name, or names, in
136 another county. A list of persons convicted of voter fraud, any
137 crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or
138 any crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney
139 General opinions, shall also be entered into the Statewide
140 Elections Management System on a quarterly basis. * * * A person
141 who has been convicted of vote fraud, of any crime listed in
142 Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or of any crime
143 interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney General or
144 judicial opinions and is otherwise a qualified elector under the
145 provisions of Section 23-15-11, shall have his or her right to
146 vote suspended upon conviction but shall have his or her right to
147 vote automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of



148 the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Once the person
149 has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the
150 conviction, the voter's name shall be automatically restored into
151 the Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll
152 and the county's pollbooks.

153 **SECTION 7.** Section 23-15-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
154 amended as follows:

155 23-15-153. (1) At least during the following times, the
156 election commissioners shall meet at the office of the registrar
157 or the office of the election commissioners to carefully revise
158 the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the
159 Statewide Elections Management System and remove from the roll the
160 names of all voters who have requested to be purged from the voter
161 roll, died, received an adjudication of non compos mentis, been
162 convicted of a disenfranchising crime and had his or her right to
163 vote suspended, or otherwise become disqualified as electors for
164 any cause, and shall register the names of all persons who have
165 duly applied to be registered but have been illegally denied
166 registration:

167 (a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January
168 1987 and every following year;

169 (b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately
170 preceding the first primary election for members of Congress in
171 the years when members of Congress are elected;



172 (c) On the first Monday in the month immediately
173 preceding the first primary election for state, state district
174 legislative, county and county district offices in the years in
175 which those offices are elected; and

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

179 Except for the names of those voters who are duly qualified
180 to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain in
181 the Statewide Elections Management System; however, no name shall
182 be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System based on
183 a change in the residence of an elector except in accordance with
184 procedures provided for by the National Voter Registration Act of
185 1993. Except as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-573, no
186 person shall vote at any election whose name is not in the county
187 voter roll electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections
188 Management System.

189 (2) Except as provided in this section, and subject to the
190 following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be
191 entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten
192 Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for
193 every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated
194 over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of
195 their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in
196 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in



197 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained
198 by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in
199 subsection (1) of this section:

200 (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand
201 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
202 census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than
203 fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
204 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

205 (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)
206 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
207 less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the
208 latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75)
209 days per year, with no more than twenty-five (25) additional days
210 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
211 occurring in any calendar year;

212 (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)
213 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
214 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the
215 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100)
216 days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days
217 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
218 occurring in any calendar year;

219 (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)
220 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
221 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the



222 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred
223 twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45)
224 additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess
225 of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

226 (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)
227 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
228 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents
229 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than
230 one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than
231 fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
232 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

233 (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand
234 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
235 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents
236 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than
237 one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than
238 sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
239 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

240 (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)
241 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
242 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents
243 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than
244 one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than
245 seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
246 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;



247 (h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand
248 (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
249 census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)
250 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not
251 more than two hundred fifteen (215) days per year, with no more
252 than eighty-five (85) additional days allowed for the conduct of
253 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

254 (i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand
255 (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
256 census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000)
257 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not
258 more than two hundred thirty (230) days per year, with no more
259 than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of
260 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

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

267 (3) In addition to the number of days authorized in
268 subsection (2) of this section, the board of supervisors of a
269 county may authorize, in its discretion, the election
270 commissioners to receive a per diem in the amount provided for in
271 subsection (2) of this section, to be paid from the county general



272 fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours
273 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the
274 performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or
275 actually employed in the performance of their duties for the
276 necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as
277 electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management
278 System as required in subsection (1) of this section, not to
279 exceed five (5) days.

280 (4) (a) The election commissioners shall be entitled to
281 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars
282 (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed
283 ten (10) days for every day or period of no less than five (5)
284 hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in
285 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in
286 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained
287 by the Statewide Elections Management System before any special
288 election. For purposes of this paragraph, the regular special
289 election day shall not be considered a special election. The
290 annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section
291 shall not apply to this paragraph.

292 (b) The election commissioners shall be entitled to
293 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Sixty-five Dollars
294 (\$165.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for the
295 performance of their duties on the day of any primary, runoff,



296 general or special election. The annual limitations set forth in
297 subsection (2) of this section shall apply to this paragraph.

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

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

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

319 (7) In preparation for a municipal primary, runoff, general
320 or special election, the county registrar shall generate and



321 distribute the master voter roll and pollbooks from the Statewide
322 Elections Management System for the municipality located within
323 the county. The municipality shall pay the county registrar for
324 the actual cost of preparing and printing the municipal master
325 voter roll pollbooks. A municipality may secure "read only"
326 access to the Statewide Elections Management System and print its
327 own pollbooks using this information.

328 (8) County election commissioners who perform the duties of
329 an executive committee with regard to the conduct of a primary
330 election under a written agreement authorized by law to be entered
331 into with an executive committee shall receive per diem as
332 provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The days that
333 county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of a
334 primary election shall be treated the same as days county election
335 commissioners are employed in the conduct of other elections.

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

340 (10) Every election commissioner shall sign personally a
341 certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked in
342 the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for
343 which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must
344 be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's



345 signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's
346 oath of office and under penalties of perjury.

347 The certification form shall be as follows:

348 **COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

349 **PER DIEM CLAIM FORM**

350 NAME: _____ COUNTY: _____

351 ADDRESS: _____ DISTRICT: _____

352 CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

353		PURPOSE	APPLICABLE	ACTUAL	PER DIEM		
354	DATE	BEGINNING	ENDING	OF	MS CODE	HOURS	DAYS
355	WORKED	TIME	TIME	WORK	SECTION	WORKED	EARNED

356 _____
357 _____
358 _____

359 TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

360 EXCLUDING ELECTION DAYS _____

361 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$110.00

362 TOTAL NUMBER PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

363 FOR ELECTION DAYS _____

364 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$165.00

365 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PER DIEM CLAIMED \$ _____

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



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

371 Signed this the _____ day of _____, ____.

372 _____

373 Commissioner's Signature

374 When properly completed and signed, the certification must be
375 filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors before any
376 payment may be made. The certification will be a public record
377 available for inspection and reproduction immediately upon the
378 oral or written request of any person.

379 Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in
380 any respect by notifying the chair of the commission, any member
381 of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of
382 supervisors of the contest at any time before or after payment is
383 made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment
384 shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is
385 finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be
386 entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of
387 supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor
388 compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents
389 and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo
390 to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be
391 perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the



392 commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of
393 supervisors, as the case may be.

394 Any contestor who successfully contests any certification
395 will be awarded all expenses incident to his or her contest,
396 together with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded
397 upon petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon
398 final disposition of the contest before the election commission,
399 board of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in
400 case of an appeal, final disposition by the court. The
401 commissioner against whom the contest is decided shall be liable
402 for the payment of the expenses and attorney's fees, and the
403 county shall be jointly and severally liable for same.

404 (11) Any election commissioner who has not received a
405 certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section
406 23-15-211 indicating that the election commissioner has received
407 the required elections seminar instruction and that the election
408 commissioner is fully qualified to conduct an election, shall not
409 receive any compensation authorized by this section or Section
410 23-15-239.

411 **SECTION 8.** Section 23-15-165, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
412 amended as follows:

413 23-15-165. (1) The Office of the Secretary of State, in
414 cooperation with the county registrars and election commissioners,
415 shall procure, implement and maintain an electronic information
416 processing system and programs capable of maintaining a



417 centralized database of all registered voters in the state. The
418 system shall encompass software and hardware, at both the state
419 and county level, software development training, conversion and
420 support and maintenance for the system. This system shall be
421 known as the "Statewide Elections Management System" and shall
422 constitute the official record of registered voters in every
423 county of the state.

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

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

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

431 (c) Receive regular reports of death, changes of
432 address and convictions for disenfranchising crimes, which cause a
433 voter to have his or her right to vote suspended, that apply to
434 voters registered in the county; * * *

435 (d) Receive regular reports of voters who have
436 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of his or her
437 conviction and automatically restore the voter's name into the
438 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and
439 the county's pollbooks; and

440 (* * *e) Retain all present functionality related to,
441 but not limited to, the use of voter roll data and to implement



442 such other functionality as the law requires to enhance the
443 maintenance of accurate county voter records and related jury
444 selection and redistricting programs.

445 (3) As a part of the procurement and implementation of the
446 system, the Office of the Secretary of State shall, with the
447 assistance of the advisory committee, procure services necessary
448 to convert current voter registration records in the counties into
449 a standard, industry accepted file format that can be used on the
450 Statewide Elections Management System. Thereafter, all official
451 voter information shall be maintained on the Statewide Elections
452 Management System. The standard industry accepted format of data
453 was reviewed and approved by a majority of the advisory committee
454 created in subsection (5) of this section after consultation with
455 the Circuit Clerks Association and the format may not be changed
456 without consulting the Circuit Clerks Association.

457 (4) The Secretary of State may, with the assistance of the
458 advisory committee, adopt rules and regulations necessary to
459 administer the Statewide Elections Management System. The rules
460 and regulations shall at least:

461 (a) Provide for the establishment and maintenance of a
462 centralized database for all voter registration information in the
463 state;

464 (b) Provide procedures for integrating data into the
465 centralized database;



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

470 (d) Provide the registrar or his or her designee or
471 other appropriate official, as the law may require, access to the
472 system at all times, including the ability to download copies of
473 the industry standard file, for all purposes related to their
474 official duties, including, but not limited to, exclusive access
475 for the purpose of printing all local pollbooks;

476 (e) Provide security and protection of all information
477 in the system and monitor the system to ensure that unauthorized
478 access is not allowed;

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

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

486 (5) The Secretary of State established an advisory committee
487 to assist in developing system specifications, procurement,
488 implementation and maintenance of the Statewide Elections
489 Management System. The committee included two (2) representatives
490 from the Circuit Clerks Association, appointed by the association;



491 two (2) representatives from the Election Commissioners
492 Association of Mississippi, appointed by the association; one (1)
493 member of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, or its
494 staff, appointed by the association; the Director of the Stennis
495 Institute of Government at Mississippi State University, or his or
496 her designee; the Executive Director of the Department of
497 Information Technology Services, or his or her designee; two (2)
498 persons knowledgeable about elections and information technology
499 appointed by the Secretary of State; and the Secretary of State,
500 who shall serve as the chair of the advisory committee.

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

506 (b) Copies of statewide, district, county or municipal
507 voter registration files, excluding social security numbers,
508 telephone numbers and date of birth and age information, shall be
509 provided to any person in accordance with the Mississippi Public
510 Records Act of 1983 at a cost not to exceed the actual cost of
511 production.

512 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
513 and after July 1, 2023.

