By: Senator(s) Tate, Blackwell, Moran, McMahan, Barrett, Williams, DeLano, Seymour, Whaley, McCaughn, DeBar, Branning, England, McLendon, Wiggins, Caughman, Michel, Younger, Hill, Carter, Suber, Chassaniol, Parks, Polk, Sojourner, Chism, Fillingane

To: Elections

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 2358

- AN ACT TO PROHIBIT BALLOT HARVESTING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 4 SECTION 1. A person shall not knowingly collect and transmit
- 5 a ballot that was mailed to another person, except as follows:
- 6 (a) An election official while engaged in official
- 7 duties as authorized by law.
- 8 (b) An employee of the United States Postal Service
- 9 while engaged in official duties as authorized by law.
- 10 (c) Any other individual who is allowed by federal law
- 11 to collect and transmit United States mail while engaged in
- 12 official duties as authorized by law.
- 13 (d) A family member, household member, or caregiver of
- 14 the person to whom the ballot was mailed.
- 15 (e) A common carrier that transports goods from one
- 16 place to another for a fee. No parcel shall contain more than a
- 17 single ballot.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

19 and after July 1, 2023.