

By: Senator(s) Tate

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2423

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT CANDIDATES RECEIVE A MAJORITY OF THE
2 VOTES CAST IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE ELECTED TO STATEWIDE
3 OFFICE; TO PROVIDE FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION IF NO CANDIDATE RECEIVES
4 A MAJORITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** If any candidate for a statewide office receives
7 a majority of the votes cast for such office in the general
8 election, that candidate shall be declared elected. If no
9 candidate for such office receives a majority of the votes cast
10 for such office in the general election, the names of the two (2)
11 candidates receiving the highest number of votes for such office
12 shall be placed on the ballot for a second election to be held
13 three (3) weeks later in accordance with appropriate procedures
14 followed in other elections involving runoff candidates.

15 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified in Title
16 23, Chapter 15, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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

