

By: Representative Zuber

To: Apportionment and
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 143

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-805, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS FROM CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL
3 GOVERNMENT OFFICES SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
4 WEBSITES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-805, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 23-15-805. (a) Candidates for state, state district, and
9 legislative district offices, and every political committee, which
10 makes reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or
11 in opposition to a candidate for any such office or makes
12 reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or in
13 opposition to a statewide ballot measure, shall file all reports
14 required under this article with the Office of the Secretary of
15 State.

16 (b) Candidates for county or county district office, and
17 every political committee which makes reportable contributions to
18 or expenditures in support of or in opposition to a candidate for
19 such office or makes reportable contributions to or expenditures



20 in support of or in opposition to a countywide ballot measure or a
21 ballot measure affecting part of a county, excepting a municipal
22 ballot measure, shall file all reports required by this section in
23 the office of the circuit clerk of the county in which the
24 election occurs, or directly to the Office of the Secretary of
25 State via facsimile, electronic mail, postal mail or hand
26 delivery. The circuit clerk shall forward copies of all reports
27 to the Office of the Secretary of State. The circuit clerk shall
28 also upload the reports to the county's Internet website.

29 (c) Candidates for municipal office, and every political
30 committee which makes reportable contributions to or expenditures
31 in support of or in opposition to a candidate for such office, or
32 makes reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or
33 in opposition to a municipal ballot measure shall file all reports
34 required by this article in the office of the municipal clerk of
35 the municipality in which the election occurs, or directly to the
36 Office of the Secretary of State via facsimile, electronic mail,
37 postal mail or hand delivery. The municipal clerk shall forward
38 copies of all reports to the Office of the Secretary of State.
39 The municipal clerk shall also upload the reports to the
40 municipality's Internet website. If the municipality does not
41 maintain a website, the clerk shall forward copies of the reports
42 to the circuit clerk of the county in which the municipality is
43 located, and the circuit clerk shall upload the reports to the
44 county's website.



45 (d) The Secretary of State, the circuit clerks and the
46 municipal clerks shall make all reports received under this
47 subsection available for public inspection and copying and shall
48 preserve the reports for a period of five (5) years.

49 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
50 and after July 1, 2024.

