

By: Representative Sanford

To: Apportionment and  
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 730

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-807, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE TIME FOR FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS WHEN THOSE  
3 REPORTS ARE FILED ELECTRONICALLY OR WITH A FAX MACHINE; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-807, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 23-15-807. (a) Each candidate or political committee shall  
9 file reports of contributions and disbursements in accordance with  
10 the provisions of this section. All candidates or political  
11 committees required to report such contributions and disbursements  
12 may terminate the obligation to report only upon submitting a  
13 final report that contributions will no longer be received or  
14 disbursements made and that the candidate or committee has no  
15 outstanding debts or obligations. The candidate, treasurer or  
16 chief executive officer shall sign the report.

17 (b) Candidates seeking election, or nomination for election,  
18 and political committees making expenditures to influence or  
19 attempt to influence voters for or against the nomination for



20 election of one or more candidates or balloted measures at such  
21 election, shall file the following reports:

22 (i) In any calendar year during which there is a  
23 regularly scheduled election, a pre-election report shall be filed  
24 no later than the seventh day before any election in which the  
25 candidate or political committee has accepted contributions or  
26 made expenditures and shall be completed as of the tenth day  
27 before the election;

28 (ii) In 1987 and every fourth year thereafter, periodic  
29 reports shall be filed no later than the tenth day after April 30,  
30 May 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, and shall be  
31 completed as of the last day of each period;

32 (iii) In any calendar years except 1987 and except  
33 every fourth year thereafter, a report covering the calendar year  
34 shall be filed no later than January 31 of the following calendar  
35 year; and

36 (iv) Except as otherwise provided in the requirements  
37 of paragraph (i) of this subsection (b), unopposed candidates are  
38 not required to file pre-election reports but must file all other  
39 reports required by paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of this subsection  
40 (b).

41 (c) All candidates for judicial office as defined in Section  
42 23-15-975, or their political committees, shall file periodic  
43 reports in the year in which they are to be elected no later than  
44 the tenth day after April 30, May 31, June 30, September 30 and



45 December 31. Candidates for judicial office shall not be required  
46 to file an annual report during an election year, but shall file  
47 an annual report in all other years.

48 (d) Each report under this article shall disclose:

49 (i) For the reporting period and the calendar year, the  
50 total amount of all contributions and the total amount of all  
51 expenditures of the candidate or reporting committee, including  
52 those required to be identified pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this  
53 subsection (d) as well as the total of all other contributions and  
54 expenditures during the calendar year. The reports shall be  
55 cumulative during the calendar year to which they relate;

56 (ii) The identification of:

57 1. Each person or political committee who makes a  
58 contribution to the reporting candidate or political committee  
59 during the reporting period, whose contribution or contributions  
60 within the calendar year have an aggregate amount or value in  
61 excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) together with the date and  
62 amount of any such contribution;

63 2. Each person or organization, candidate or  
64 political committee who receives an expenditure, payment or other  
65 transfer from the reporting candidate, political committee or its  
66 agent, employee, designee, contractor, consultant or other person  
67 or persons acting in its behalf during the reporting period when  
68 the expenditure, payment or other transfer to the person,  
69 organization, candidate or political committee within the calendar



70 year have an aggregate value or amount in excess of Two Hundred  
71 Dollars (\$200.00) together with the date and amount of the  
72 expenditure;

73 (iii) The total amount of cash on hand of each  
74 reporting candidate and reporting political committee;

75 (iv) In addition to the contents of reports specified  
76 in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of this subsection (d), each  
77 political party shall disclose:

78 1. Each person or political committee who makes a  
79 contribution to a political party during the reporting period and  
80 whose contribution or contributions to a political party within  
81 the calendar year have an aggregate amount or value in excess of  
82 Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), together with the date and amount  
83 of the contribution;

84 2. Each person or organization who receives an  
85 expenditure or expenditures by a political party during the  
86 reporting period when the expenditure or expenditures to the  
87 person or organization within the calendar year have an aggregate  
88 value or amount in excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00),  
89 together with the date and amount of the expenditure;

90 (v) Disclosure required under this section of an  
91 expenditure to a credit card issuer, financial institution or  
92 business allowing payments and money transfers to be made over the  
93 Internet must include, by way of detail or separate entry, the



94 amount of funds passing to each person, business entity or  
95 organization receiving funds from the expenditure.

96 (e) The appropriate office specified in Section 23-15-805  
97 must be in actual receipt of the reports specified in this article  
98 by 5:00 p.m. on the dates specified in subsection (b) of this  
99 section if the reports are hand delivered or delivered by mail;  
100 however, if the reports are filed electronically or by an  
101 electronic facsimile (FAX) device, the appropriate office  
102 specified in Section 23-15-805 must be in actual receipt of the  
103 reports specified in this article by 11:59 p.m. on the dates  
104 specified in subsection (b) of this section. If the date  
105 specified in subsection (b) of this section shall fall on a  
106 weekend or legal holiday then the report shall be due in the  
107 appropriate office at 5:00 p.m. or 11:59 p.m., as appropriate, on  
108 the first working day before the date specified in subsection (b)  
109 of this section. The reporting candidate or reporting political  
110 committee shall ensure that the reports are delivered to the  
111 appropriate office by the filing deadline. The Secretary of State  
112 may approve specific means of electronic transmission of completed  
113 campaign finance disclosure reports, which may include, but not be  
114 limited to, transmission by electronic facsimile (FAX) devices.

115 (f) (i) If any contribution of more than Two Hundred  
116 Dollars (\$200.00) is received by a candidate or candidate's  
117 political committee after the tenth day, but more than forty-eight  
118 (48) hours before 12:01 a.m. of the day of the election, the



119 candidate or political committee shall notify the appropriate  
120 office designated in Section 23-15-805, within forty-eight (48)  
121 hours of receipt of the contribution. The notification shall  
122 include:

- 123 1. The name of the receiving candidate;
- 124 2. The name of the receiving candidate's political  
125 committee, if any;
- 126 3. The office sought by the candidate;
- 127 4. The identification of the contributor;
- 128 5. The date of receipt;
- 129 6. The amount of the contribution;
- 130 7. If the contribution is in-kind, a description  
131 of the in-kind contribution; and
- 132 8. The signature of the candidate or the treasurer  
133 or chair of the candidate's political organization.

134 (ii) The notification shall be in writing, and may be  
135 transmitted by overnight mail, courier service, or other reliable  
136 means, including electronic facsimile (FAX), but the candidate or  
137 candidate's committee shall ensure that the notification shall in  
138 fact be received in the appropriate office designated in Section  
139 23-15-805 within forty-eight (48) hours of the contribution.

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

