

By: Representative Sanford

To: Apportionment and  
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1087

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-907, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO DEFINE "CAREGIVER", "FAMILY MEMBER" AND "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER" FOR  
3 THE PURPOSES OF THE BALLOT HARVESTING LAW; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-907, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 23-15-907. (1) For purposes of this section, the following  
9 words shall have the meanings as defined herein unless the context  
10 clearly indicates otherwise:

11 (a) "Caregiver" means an individual who provides  
12 medical, health care assistance or other assistance to the person  
13 to whom the ballot was mailed in a residence, hospital, long term  
14 care facility, nursing home, hospice facility, assisted living  
15 center, assisted living facility, assisted living home,  
16 residential care institution, adult day health care facility,  
17 adult foster care home or other similar facility or institution.



18           (b) "Family member" means an individual who is related  
19 by blood, marriage, adoption or legal guardianship to the person  
20 to whom the ballot was mailed.

21           (c) "Household member" means an individual who resides  
22 at the same residence as the person to whom the ballot was mailed.

23           ( \* \* \*2) A person shall not knowingly collect and transmit  
24 a ballot that was mailed to another person, except as follows:

25           (a) An election official while engaged in official  
26 duties as authorized by law.

27           (b) An employee of the United States Postal Service  
28 while engaged in official duties as authorized by law.

29           (c) Any other individual who is allowed by federal law  
30 to collect and transmit United States mail while engaged in  
31 official duties as authorized by law.

32           (d) A family member, household member, or caregiver of  
33 the person to whom the ballot was mailed.

34           (e) A common carrier that transports goods from one  
35 place to another for a fee. No parcel shall contain more than a  
36 single ballot.

37           ( \* \* \*3) Any violation of this section shall be subject to  
38 the penalties of Section 97-13-37.

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

