

By: Representative Hurst

To: Apportionment and  
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1425

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-231 AND 23-15-235, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A POLL MANAGER SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED  
3 TO BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE POLLING PLACE  
4 IS LOCATED, BUT JUST A QUALIFIED ELECTOR; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-231, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 23-15-231. Before every election, the election commissioners  
10 shall appoint three (3) persons for each voting precinct to be  
11 poll managers, one (1) of whom shall be designated by the election  
12 commissioners as election bailiff. For general and special  
13 elections, the poll managers shall not all be of the same  
14 political party if suitable persons of different political parties  
15 can be found in the district. If any person appointed shall fail  
16 to attend and serve, the poll managers present, if any, may  
17 designate someone to fill his or her place; and if the election  
18 commissioners fail to make the appointments or in case of the  
19 failure of all those appointed to attend and serve, any three (3)



20 qualified electors present when the polls should be opened may act  
21 as poll managers. Provided, however, any person appointed to be  
22 poll manager or act as poll manager shall be a qualified  
23 elector \* \* \*.

24 **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-235, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
25 amended as follows:

26 23-15-235. In addition to the poll managers appointed  
27 pursuant to Section 23-15-231, for the first five hundred (500)  
28 registered voters in each voting precinct, the election  
29 commissioners may, in their discretion, appoint not more than  
30 three (3) persons to serve as poll managers of the election. The  
31 election commissioners may, in their discretion, appoint  
32 additional persons to serve as poll managers for each one thousand  
33 (1,000) registered voters or fraction thereof in each voting  
34 precinct above the first five hundred (500), as determined  
35 necessary by the election commissioners and approved by the board  
36 of supervisors. Any person appointed as poll manager shall be a  
37 qualified elector \* \* \*.

38 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
39 and after July 1, 2024.

