

By: Representative Sanford

To: Apportionment and  
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1658

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-239, 23-15-266, 23-15-335,  
2 23-15-265, 23-15-267, 23-15-333 AND 23-15-597, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
3 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT IF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
4 ELECTS TO ENTER INTO A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH THE CIRCUIT OR  
5 MUNICIPAL CLERK OR THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
6 AUTHORIZING THE CIRCUIT OR MUNICIPAL CLERK OR THE COUNTY OR  
7 MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION TO PERFORM ALL OF THE DUTIES  
8 REQUIRED OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE  
9 CIRCUIT OR MUNICIPAL CLERK OR THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
10 COMMISSION SHALL ENTER INTO THAT AGREEMENT; AND FOR RELATED  
11 PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-239, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
14 amended as follows:

15 23-15-239. (1) The executive committee of each county, in  
16 the case of a primary election, or the election commissioners of  
17 each county, in the case of all other elections, in conjunction  
18 with the circuit clerk, shall, in the years in which counties  
19 conduct an election, sponsor and conduct, not less than five (5)  
20 days before each election, not less than four (4) hours and not  
21 more than eight (8) hours of poll manager training to instruct  
22 poll managers as to their duties in the proper administration of



23 the election and the operation of the polling place. Any poll  
24 manager who completes the online training course provided by the  
25 Secretary of State shall only be required to complete two (2)  
26 hours of in-person poll manager training. No poll manager shall  
27 serve in any election unless he or she has received these  
28 instructions once during the twelve (12) months immediately  
29 preceding the date upon which the election is held; however,  
30 nothing in this section shall prevent the appointment of an  
31 alternate poll manager to fill a vacancy in case of an emergency.  
32 The county executive committee or the election commissioners, as  
33 appropriate, shall train a sufficient number of alternates to  
34 serve in the event a poll manager is unable to serve for any  
35 reason.

36 (2) (a) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
37 county executive committee may enter into a written agreement with  
38 the circuit clerk or the county election commission authorizing  
39 the circuit clerk or the county election commission to perform any  
40 of the duties required of the county executive committee pursuant  
41 to this section. If the county executive committee elects to  
42 enter into a written agreement with the circuit clerk or the  
43 county election commission authorizing the circuit clerk or the  
44 county election commission to perform all of the duties required  
45 of the county executive committee, the circuit clerk or the county  
46 election commission shall enter into that agreement. Any  
47 agreement entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be signed



48 by the chair of the county executive committee and the circuit  
49 clerk or the chair of the county election commission, as  
50 appropriate. The county executive committee shall notify the  
51 state executive committee and the Secretary of State of the  
52 existence of the agreement.

53 (b) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
54 municipal executive committee may enter into a written agreement  
55 with the municipal clerk or the municipal election commission  
56 authorizing the municipal clerk or the municipal election  
57 commission to perform any of the duties required of the municipal  
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65 into pursuant to this subsection shall be signed by the chair of  
66 the municipal executive committee and the municipal clerk or the  
67 chair of the municipal election commission, as appropriate. The  
68 municipal executive committee shall notify the state executive  
69 committee and the Secretary of State of the existence of the  
70 agreement.

71 (3) The board of supervisors and the municipal governing  
72 authority, in their discretion, may compensate poll managers who



73 attend these training sessions. The compensation shall be at a  
74 rate of not less than the federal hourly minimum wage and not more  
75 than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per hour. Poll managers shall not be  
76 compensated for more than sixteen (16) hours of attendance at the  
77 training sessions regardless of the actual amount of time that  
78 they attended the training sessions.

79 (4) The time and location of the training sessions required  
80 pursuant to this section shall be announced to the general public  
81 by posting a notice thereof at the courthouse and by delivering a  
82 copy of the notice to the office of a newspaper having general  
83 circulation in the county five (5) days before the date upon which  
84 the training session is to be conducted. Persons who will serve  
85 as poll watchers for candidates and political parties, as well as  
86 members of the general public, shall be allowed to attend the  
87 sessions.

88 (5) Subject to the following annual limitations, the  
89 election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in  
90 the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from  
91 the county general fund, for every day or period of no less than  
92 five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually  
93 employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time  
94 spent in conducting training sessions as required by this section:

95 (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand  
96 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
97 census, not more than five (5) days per year;



98                   (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)  
99 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
100 less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the  
101 latest federal decennial census, not more than eight (8) days per  
102 year;

103                   (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)  
104 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
105 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the  
106 latest federal decennial census, not more than ten (10) days per  
107 year;

108                   (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)  
109 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
110 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the  
111 latest federal decennial census, not more than twelve (12) days  
112 per year;

113                   (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)  
114 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
115 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents  
116 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
117 fifteen (15) days per year;

118                   (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand  
119 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial  
120 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents  
121 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
122 eighteen (18) days per year;



123           (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)  
124 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but  
125 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents  
126 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than  
127 nineteen (19) days per year;

128           (h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand  
129 (225,000) residents or more according to the latest federal  
130 decennial census, not more than twenty-two (22) days per year.

131           (6) Election commissioners shall claim the per diem  
132 authorized in subsection (5) of this section in the manner  
133 provided for in Section 23-15-153(6).

134           (7) (a) To provide poll manager training, the Secretary of  
135 State has developed a single, comprehensive poll manager training  
136 program to ensure uniform, secure elections throughout the state.  
137 The program includes online training on all state and federal  
138 election laws and procedures and voting machine opening and  
139 closing procedures.

140           (b) County poll managers who individually access and  
141 complete the online training program, including all skills  
142 assessments, at least five (5) days before an election shall be  
143 defined as "certified poll managers," and entitled to a  
144 "Certificate of Completion."

145           (c) At least one (1) certified poll manager shall be  
146 appointed by the county election officials to work in each polling  
147 place in the county during each general election.



148           **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-266, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
149 amended as follows:

150           23-15-266. (1) A county or municipal executive committee  
151 shall be eligible to enter into written agreements with a circuit  
152 or municipal clerk or a county or municipal election commission as  
153 provided for in Section 23-15-239(2), 23-15-265(2), 23-15-267(4),  
154 23-15-333(4), 23-15-335(2) or 23-15-597(2), only if the political  
155 party with which such county or municipal executive committee is  
156 affiliated:

157                   (a) Has cast for its candidate for Governor in the last  
158 two (2) gubernatorial elections ten percent (10%) of the total  
159 vote cast for governor; or

160                   (b) Has cast for its candidate for Governor in three  
161 (3) of the last five (5) gubernatorial elections twenty-five  
162 percent (25%) of the total vote cast for Governor.

163           (2) If a county or municipal executive committee elects to  
164 enter into a written agreement with the circuit or municipal clerk  
165 or the county or municipal election commission authorizing the  
166 circuit or municipal clerk or the county or municipal election  
167 commission to perform all of the duties required of the county or  
168 municipal executive committee, the circuit or municipal clerk or  
169 the county or municipal election commission shall enter into that  
170 agreement.

171           **SECTION 3.** Section 23-15-335, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
172 amended as follows:



173           23-15-335. (1) The county executive committee shall  
174 designate a person whose duty it shall be to distribute all  
175 necessary ballots for use in a primary election, and shall  
176 designate one (1) among the poll managers at each polling place to  
177 receive and receipt for the blank ballots to be used at that  
178 place. When the blank ballots are delivered to a local poll  
179 manager, the distributor shall take from the local poll manager a  
180 receipt therefor signed in duplicate by both the distributor and  
181 the poll manager, one (1) of which receipts the distributor shall  
182 deliver to the circuit clerk and the other shall be retained by  
183 the local poll manager and the last mentioned duplicate receipt  
184 shall be enclosed in the ballot box with the voted ballots when  
185 the polls have been closed and the votes have been counted. The  
186 printer of the ballots shall take a receipt from the distributor  
187 of the ballots for the total number of the blank ballots delivered  
188 to the distributor. The printer shall secure all ballots printed  
189 by him or her in such a safe manner that no person can procure  
190 them or any of them, and he or she shall deliver no blank ballot  
191 or ballots to any person except the distributor above mentioned,  
192 and then only upon his or her receipt therefor as above specified.  
193 The distributor of the blank ballots shall so securely hold the  
194 same that no person can obtain any of them, and he or she shall  
195 not deliver any of them to any person other than to the authorized  
196 local poll managers and upon their respective receipts therefor.  
197 The executive committee shall see to it that the total blank





198 ballots delivered to the distributor, shall correspond with the  
199 total of the receipts executed by the local poll managers.

200 (2) (a) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
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202 the circuit clerk or the county election commission authorizing  
203 the circuit clerk or the county election commission to perform any  
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209 of the county executive committee, the circuit clerk or the county  
210 election commission shall enter into that agreement. Any  
211 agreement entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be signed  
212 by the chair of the county executive committee and the circuit  
213 clerk or the chair of the county election commission, as  
214 appropriate. The county executive committee shall notify the  
215 state executive committee and the Secretary of State of the  
216 existence of such agreement.

217 (b) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
218 municipal executive committee may enter into a written agreement  
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231 chair of the municipal election commission, as appropriate. The  
232 municipal executive committee shall notify the state executive  
233 committee and the Secretary of State of the existence of such  
234 agreement.

235 (3) Any person charged with any of the duties prescribed in  
236 this section who shall willfully or with culpable carelessness  
237 violate the same shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

238 **SECTION 4.** Section 23-15-265, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
239 amended as follows:

240 23-15-265. (1) The county executive committee of each  
241 county shall meet not less than two (2) weeks before the date of  
242 any primary election and appoint the poll managers for same, all  
243 of whom may be members of the same political party. The number of  
244 poll managers appointed by the county executive committee shall be  
245 the same number as election commissioners are allowed to appoint  
246 pursuant to Sections 23-15-231 and 23-15-235. If the county



247 executive committee fails to meet on the date named, supra,  
248 further notice shall be given of the time and place of meeting.

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282 committee and the Secretary of State of the existence of such  
283 agreement.

284       **SECTION 5.** Section 23-15-267, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
285 amended as follows:

286       23-15-267. (1) The ballot boxes provided by the election  
287 commissioners in each county shall be used in primary elections,  
288 and the county executive committees shall distribute them to the  
289 voting precincts of the county before the time for opening the  
290 polls, in the same manner, as near as may be, as that provided for  
291 in general elections.

292       (2) The boxes shall be securely sealed and locked beginning  
293 at the start of voting on election day until the end of voting on  
294 election day; and the box shall be kept by one (1) of the poll  
295 managers, and the poll manager having the box shall carefully keep  
296 it, and neither open it himself or herself nor permit it to be



297 done, nor permit any person to have any access to it throughout  
298 voting during election day. The box shall not be removed from the  
299 polling place after the polls are open until the polls close and  
300 the count is completed.

301 (3) After each election, the ballot boxes shall be delivered  
302 to the clerk of the circuit court of the county for preservation;  
303 and he or she shall keep them for future use, and, when called  
304 for, deliver them to the election commissioners.

305 (4) (a) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
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316 agreement entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be signed  
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318 clerk or the chair of the county election commission, as  
319 appropriate. The county executive committee shall notify the  
320 State Executive Committee and the Secretary of State of the  
321 existence of such agreement.



322 (b) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
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337 municipal executive committee shall notify the State Executive  
338 Committee and the Secretary of State of the existence of such  
339 agreement.

340 (5) The person, or persons, whose duty it is to comply with  
341 the provisions of this section and who shall fail, or neglect,  
342 from any cause, to deliver the boxes or any of them as herein  
343 provided shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than Two  
344 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and be imprisoned in the county jail of  
345 the residence of the person, or persons, who violates any of the  
346 provisions of this section, for a period of not less than thirty



347 (30) days or more than six (6) months, and fined not more than  
348 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

349 **SECTION 6.** Section 23-15-333, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
350 amended as follows:

351 23-15-333. (1) The county executive committee shall have  
352 printed all necessary ballots, for use in primary elections. The  
353 county executive committee shall have printed all necessary  
354 absentee ballots forty-five (45) days before the election as  
355 required by law. The ballots shall contain the names of all the  
356 candidates to be voted for at the election, and there shall be  
357 left on each ballot one (1) blank space under the title of each  
358 office for which a nominee is to be elected; and in the event of  
359 the death of any candidate whose name shall have been printed on  
360 the ballot, the name of the candidate duly substituted in the  
361 place of the deceased candidate may be written in such blank space  
362 by the voter. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of  
363 this section, the order in which the titles to the various offices  
364 shall be printed, and the size, print and quality of the paper of  
365 the ballot is left to the discretion of the county executive  
366 committee. Provided, however, that in all cases the arrangement  
367 of the names of the candidates for each office shall be  
368 alphabetical. No ballot shall be used except those so printed.

369 (2) The titles for the various offices shall be listed in  
370 the following order:



371 (a) Candidates, electors or delegates for the following  
372 national offices:

373 (i) President of the United States of America;

374 (ii) United States Senator or United States  
375 Representative;

376 (b) Candidates for the following statewide offices:  
377 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney  
378 General, State Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Commissioner  
379 of Agriculture and Commerce, Commissioner of Insurance;

380 (c) Candidates for the following state district  
381 offices: Mississippi Transportation Commissioner, Public Service  
382 Commissioner, District Attorney;

383 (d) Candidates for the following legislative offices:  
384 Senator and House of Representatives;

385 (e) Candidates for countywide office;

386 (f) Candidates for county district office.

387 The order in which the titles for the various offices are  
388 listed within each of the categories listed in paragraphs (e) and  
389 (f) are left to the discretion of the county executive committee.  
390 Candidates' names shall be listed alphabetically under each office  
391 by the candidate's last name.

392 (3) If after the deadline to qualify as a candidate for an  
393 office, only one (1) person has duly qualified to be a candidate  
394 for the office in the primary election, the name of that person  
395 shall be placed on the ballot; provided, however, that if not more





396 than one (1) person has duly qualified to be a candidate for each  
397 office on the primary election ballot, the election for all  
398 offices on the ballot shall be dispensed with and the appropriate  
399 executive committee shall declare each candidate as the party  
400 nominee if the candidate meets all the qualifications to hold the  
401 office.

402 (4) (a) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
403 county executive committee may enter into a written agreement with  
404 the circuit clerk or the county election commission authorizing  
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419 (b) If it is eligible under Section 23-15-266, the  
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435 committee and the Secretary of State of the existence of such  
436 agreement.

437       **SECTION 7.** Section 23-15-597, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
438 amended as follows:

439       23-15-597. (1) The county executive committee shall meet  
440 no later than one (1) week from the day following each primary  
441 election to receive and canvass the returns that must be made  
442 within the time fixed by law for returns of general elections and  
443 declare the result, and announce the name of the nominees for  
444 county and county district offices and the names of those  
445 candidates to be submitted to the second primary. The vote for



446 state, state district offices and legislative offices shall be  
447 tabulated by precincts and certified to and returned to the State  
448 Executive Committee, such returns to be mailed by registered  
449 letter or any safe mode of transmission within thirty-six (36)  
450 hours after the returns are canvassed and the result ascertained.  
451 The State Executive Committee shall meet one (1) week from the day  
452 following the first primary election held for state, state  
453 district offices and legislative offices, and shall proceed to  
454 canvass the returns and to declare the result, and announce the  
455 names of those nominated for the different offices in the first  
456 primary and the names of those candidates whose names are to be  
457 submitted to the second primary election. The State Executive  
458 Committee shall also meet one (1) week from the day on which the  
459 second primary election was held and receive and canvass the  
460 returns for state and district offices, if any, and legislative  
461 offices, if any, voted on in the second primary. An exact and  
462 full duplicate of all tabulations by precincts as certified under  
463 this section shall be filed with the circuit clerk of the county  
464 who shall safely preserve the same in his or her office.

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466 county executive committee may enter into a written agreement with  
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498 Committee and the Secretary of State of the existence of the  
499 agreement.

500           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
501 and after July 1, 2024.

