

By: Senator(s) England

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2422

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-913, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO SPECIFY WHICH JUDGES HAVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR ELECTION
3 DISPUTES ON ELECTION DAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-913, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 23-15-913. The judges listed and selected to hear election
8 disputes, as provided in Section 23-15-951, shall be available on
9 election day to immediately hear and resolve any election day
10 disputes. The list of judges selected to hear election day
11 disputes shall be provided to the Secretary of State, chancery
12 clerks and circuit clerks by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi
13 Supreme Court no later than seven (7) days before the election in
14 which the selected judges are to hear election day disputes. The
15 rules for filing pleadings shall be relaxed to carry out the
16 purposes of this section. The judges selected shall perform no
17 other judicial duties on election day. The Supreme Court shall
18 make judges available to hear disputes in the county in which the



19 disputes occur but no judge shall hear disputes in the district or
20 county in which he or she was elected nor shall any judge hear any
21 dispute in which any potential conflict may arise. Each judge
22 shall be fair and impartial and shall be assigned on that basis.
23 The listed and selected judges provided by the Chief Justice of
24 the Mississippi Supreme Court shall have sole jurisdiction to hear
25 election day disputes.

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

