

By: Senator(s) Tate

To: Elections

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2425

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-907, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO FURTHER DEFINE TERMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

6 23-15-907. (1) A person shall not knowingly collect and
7 transmit a ballot that was mailed to another person, except as
8 follows:

9 (a) An election official while engaged in official
10 duties as authorized by law.

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

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

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



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

21 (2) For the purposes of this section, with respect to a
22 person to whom the ballot was mailed:

23 (a) "Caregiver" means an individual who provides
24 medical or health care assistance to such person in a residence,
25 nursing care institution, hospice facility, assisted living
26 center, assisted living facility, assisted living home,
27 residential care institution, adult day health care facility, or
28 adult foster care home.

29 (b) "Family member" means an individual who is related
30 to such person by blood, marriage, adoption, or legal
31 guardianship.

32 (c) "Household member" means an individual who resides
33 at the same residence as such person.

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

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

