

By: Senator(s) England

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2426

1 AN ACT TO CREATE SECTION 23-15-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO CODIFY THE DEFINITION OF RESIDENCY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section  
5 23-15-9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

6 23-15-9. (1) For the purpose of the Mississippi Election  
7 Code:

8 (a) "Residency" shall be synonymous with domicile.

9 (b) "Residency" shall also mean the address that is the  
10 principal physical location that is occupied by a person in  
11 Mississippi. A person establishes residency in a location where  
12 the person lives and has the intent to remain. This intent can be  
13 evidenced by the address a person uses for Homestead exemption  
14 purposes, a person's address on his or her driver's license or  
15 other identification issued by the Mississippi Driver Service  
16 Bureau, a person's voter registration, legal documents where a  
17 person swears by penalty or perjury of law of the address of their



18 residence, and/or a person's address on an automobile  
19 registration.

20 (2) A person has changed his or her residency if he or she:

21 (a) Has abandoned his or her prior home; and

22 (b) Has established a new home, has a present intent to  
23 make that place his or her home, and has no present intention to  
24 leave that place.

25 (3) A spouse may establish a separate domicile.

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

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