

## HOUSE BILL NO. 429

1       AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-227, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY POLL MANAGER OR OTHER  
3 PERSON WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE VOTING PRECINCT AND WAS REQUIRED TO  
4 RETURN TO THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE ON THE DAY  
5 OF THE ELECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7       **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-227, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9       23-15-227. (1) \* \* \* The poll managers shall be each  
10 entitled to One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) for each  
11 election; however, the board of supervisors may, in its  
12 discretion, pay the poll managers an additional amount not to  
13 exceed Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) per election.

14       (2) The poll manager who \* \* \* carries to the place of  
15 voting, away from the courthouse, the official ballots, ballot  
16 boxes, pollbooks and other necessities, shall be allowed up to  
17 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each voting precinct for \* \* \*  
18 that service. The poll manager who acts as returning officer  
19 shall be allowed up to Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each



20 voting precinct for that service. If a person who performs the  
21 duties described in this subsection uses a privately owned motor  
22 vehicle to perform them, he or she shall receive for each mile  
23 actually and necessarily traveled in excess of ten (10) miles, the  
24 mileage reimbursement rate allowable to federal employees for the  
25 use of a privately owned vehicle while on official travel. If the  
26 registrar requires any poll manager or other person who was  
27 present at the voting precinct to return to the registrar's office  
28 after the polls close on the day of the election, then that person  
29 shall receive for each mile actually and necessarily traveled in  
30 excess of ten (10) miles, the mileage reimbursement rate allowable  
31 to federal employees for the use of a privately owned vehicle  
32 while on official travel to the registrar's office.

33 (3) The compensation authorized in this section shall be  
34 allowed by the board of supervisors, and shall be payable out of  
35 the county treasury.

36 (4) The compensation provided in this section shall  
37 constitute payment in full for the services rendered by the  
38 persons named for any election, whether there be one (1) election  
39 or issue voted upon, or more than one (1) election or issue voted  
40 upon at the same time.

41 (5) The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and  
42 regulations as are necessary to ensure the safety of poll  
43 managers, election commissioners, electors and their families at  
44 the voting precincts during a COVID-19 public health risk or other



45 public health risk declared by the Governor where the appearance  
46 of such persons may result in exposure to such risk or the  
47 exposure of other persons to such risk.

48         **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
49 and after July 1, 2025.

