

By: Representative Rushing

To: State Affairs

## HOUSE BILL NO. 695

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-819, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROHIBIT A FOREIGN NATIONAL FROM MAKING ANY CONTRIBUTION OR  
3 EXPENDITURE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY STATE OR LOCAL BALLOT MEASURE;  
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-819, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 23-15-819. (1) It shall be unlawful for a foreign national,  
9 directly or through any other person, to make any contribution or  
10 any expenditure of money or other thing of value, or to promise  
11 expressly or impliedly to make any such contribution or  
12 expenditure, in connection with an election to any political  
13 office or in connection with any primary election, convention or  
14 caucus held to select candidates for any political office, or in  
15 connection with any state or local ballot measure.

16 (2) No person shall solicit, accept or receive any such  
17 contribution from a foreign national.

18 (3) The term "foreign national" means:



19                   (a) A foreign national as defined in 22 USCS 611(b),  
20 except that the terms "foreign national" does not include any  
21 individual who is a citizen of the United States; or

22                   (b) An individual who is not a citizen of the United  
23 States and who is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

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

