

By: Senator(s) Blackwell, Younger

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2060

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-191, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CHANGE THE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY FOR STATEWIDE, STATE DISTRICT,
3 LEGISLATIVE, COUNTY AND COUNTY DISTRICT OFFICES; TO AMEND SECTION
4 21-9-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-191, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 23-15-191. The first primary shall be held on the first
10 Tuesday after the first Monday of * * * June preceding any regular
11 or general election; and the second primary shall be held four (4)
12 weeks thereafter. The candidate that receives a majority of the
13 votes cast in the election shall be the party nominee. If no
14 candidate receives a majority vote at the election, then the two
15 (2) candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall have
16 their names placed on the ballot for the second primary election
17 to be held four (4) weeks later. The candidate who receives the
18 most votes in the second primary election shall be the party
19 nominee. However, if no candidate receives a majority vote at the



20 first primary, and there is a tie in the election of those
21 receiving the next highest vote, then those candidates receiving
22 the next highest vote and the candidate receiving the highest vote
23 shall have their names placed on the ballot for the second primary
24 election to be held four (4) weeks later, and whoever receives the
25 most votes cast in the second primary election shall be the party
26 nominee.

27 **SECTION 2.** Section 21-9-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
28 amended as follows:

29 21-9-17. Except as otherwise provided, all candidates for
30 mayor and councilmen, or any of them, to be voted for at any
31 general or special municipal election, shall be nominated by party
32 primary election, and no other name or names shall be placed on
33 the official ballot at such general or special election than those
34 selected in the manner prescribed herein. Such primary election
35 or elections, shall be held not less than ten (10), nor more
36 than * * * one hundred sixty (160) days, preceding the general or
37 special election, and such primary election or elections shall be
38 held and conducted in the manner as near as may be as is provided
39 by law for state and county primary elections.

40 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after July 1, 2025.

