

SENATE BILL NO. 2068

1 AN ACT TO ENACT THE RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE ACT; TO
2 PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF VOTE FRAUD, OF ANY
3 CRIME LISTED IN SECTION 241, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, OR
4 OF ANY CRIME INTERPRETED AS DISENFRANCHISING IN LATER ATTORNEY
5 GENERAL OR JUDICIAL OPINIONS IS OTHERWISE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR,
6 SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE SUSPENDED UPON CONVICTION BUT
7 SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED ONCE HE
8 OR SHE HAS SATISFIED ALL OF THE SENTENCING REQUIREMENTS OF THE
9 CONVICTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-11, 23-15-19, 23-15-125,
10 23-15-151, 23-15-153 AND 23-15-165, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
11 CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
14 "Restoration of the Right to Vote Act."

15 SECTION 2. A person who has been convicted of vote fraud, of
16 any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890,
17 or of any crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney
18 General or judicial opinions and is otherwise a qualified elector
19 under Section 23-15-11, shall have his or her right to vote
20 suspended upon conviction. The person shall have his or her right
21 to vote automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of
22 the sentencing requirements of the conviction.

23 **SECTION 3.** Section 23-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

24 amended as follows:

25 23-15-11. (1) Every inhabitant of this state, except
26 persons adjudicated to be non compos mentis, shall be a qualified
27 elector in and for the county, municipality and voting precinct of
28 his or her residence and shall be entitled to vote at any election
29 upon compliance with Section 23-15-563, if he or she:

30 (a) * * * Is a citizen of the United States of
31 America * * *;

32 (b) Is eighteen (18) years old and upwards * * *;

33 (c) * * * Has resided in this state for thirty (30)
34 days and for thirty (30) days in the county in which he or she
35 seeks to vote, and for thirty (30) days in the incorporated
36 municipality in which he or she seeks to vote * * *;

37 (d) * * * Has been duly registered as an elector under
38 Section 23-15-33 * * *; and

39 (e) * * * Has never been convicted of vote fraud or of
40 any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of
41 1890 * * *.

42 If the thirtieth day to register before an election falls on
43 a Sunday or legal holiday, the registration applications submitted
44 on the business day immediately following the Sunday or legal
45 holiday shall be accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections
46 Management System for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in
47 the next election.



48 (2) A person who has been convicted of vote fraud, of any
49 crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or
50 of any crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney
51 General or judicial opinions and is otherwise a qualified elector
52 under subsection (1) of this section, shall have his or her right
53 to vote suspended upon conviction but shall have his or her right
54 to vote automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of
55 the sentencing requirements of the conviction.

56 (3) Any person who will be eighteen (18) years of age or
57 older on or before the date of the general election and who is
58 duly registered to vote not less than thirty (30) days before the
59 primary election associated with the general election, may vote in
60 the primary election even though the person has not reached his or
61 her eighteenth birthday at the time that the person seeks to vote
62 at the primary election.

63 (4) No others than those specified in this section shall be
64 entitled, or shall be allowed, to vote at any election.

65 **SECTION 4.** Section 23-15-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
66 amended as follows:

67 23-15-19. Any person who has been convicted of vote
68 fraud * * *, any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi
69 Constitution of 1890, or of any crime interpreted as
70 disenfranchising in later Attorney General or judicial opinions,
71 such crimes defined as "disenfranchising," shall * * * have his or
72 her right to vote suspended upon conviction but shall have his or



73 her right to vote automatically restored once he or she has
74 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction
75 unless the person is otherwise a disqualifed elector under
76 Section 23-15-11. Whenever any person shall be convicted in the
77 circuit court of his or her county of a disenfranchising crime,
78 the county registrar shall thereupon remove his or her name from
79 the Statewide Elections Management System * * * until he or she
80 has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the
81 conviction. Whenever any person shall be convicted of a
82 disenfranchising crime in any other court of any county, the
83 presiding judge of the court shall, on demand, certify the fact in
84 writing to the registrar of the county in which the voter resides,
85 who shall * * * remove the name of the person from the Statewide
86 Elections Management System and retain the certificate as a record
87 of his or her office until he or she has satisfied all of the
88 sentencing requirements of the conviction.

89 **SECTION 5.** Section 23-15-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
90 amended as follows:

91 23-15-125. The pollbook of each voting precinct shall
92 designate the voting precinct for which it is to be used, and
93 shall be ruled in appropriate columns, with printed or written
94 headings, as follows: date of registration; voter registration
95 number; name of electors; date of birth; and a number of blank
96 columns for the dates of elections. All qualified applicants who
97 register with the registrar shall be entered in the Statewide



98 Elections Management System. Only the names of those qualified
99 applicants who register within thirty (30) days before an election
100 shall appear on the pollbooks of the election; however, if the
101 thirtieth day to register before an election falls on a Sunday or
102 legal holiday, the registration applications submitted on the
103 business day immediately following the legal holiday shall be
104 accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections Management System
105 for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in the next election.
106 When county election commissioners determine that any elector is
107 disqualified from voting, by reason of death, conviction of a
108 disenfranchising crime, removal from the jurisdiction, failure to
109 comply with the provisions of Section 23-15-152, or other legal
110 cause, that fact shall be noted in the Statewide Elections
111 Management System and the voter's name shall be purged from the
112 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and
113 the county's pollbooks. Nothing in this section shall preclude
114 the use of electronic pollbooks. A person who has been convicted
115 of vote fraud, of any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi
116 Constitution of 1890, or of any crime interpreted as
117 disenfranchising in later Attorney General or judicial opinions
118 and is otherwise a qualified elector under the provisions of
119 Section 23-15-11, shall have his or her right to vote suspended
120 upon conviction. The person shall have his or her right to vote
121 automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of the
122 sentencing requirements of the conviction. Once the person has



123 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction,
124 the voter's name shall be automatically restored into the
125 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and
126 the county's pollbooks.

127 **SECTION 6.** Section 23-15-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
128 amended as follows:

129 23-15-151. The circuit clerk of each county is authorized
130 and directed to prepare and keep in his or her office a full and
131 complete list, in alphabetical order, of persons convicted of
132 voter fraud * * *, of any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi
133 Constitution of 1890 or of any crime interpreted as
134 disenfranchising in later Attorney General opinions. A certified
135 copy of any enrollment by one clerk to another will be sufficient
136 authority for the enrollment of the name, or names, in another
137 county. A list of persons convicted of voter fraud, any crime
138 listed in Section 241, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or any
139 crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney General
140 opinions, shall also be entered into the Statewide Elections
141 Management System on a quarterly basis. * * * A person who has
142 been convicted of vote fraud, of any crime listed in Section 241,
143 Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or of any crime interpreted as
144 disenfranchising in later Attorney General or judicial opinions
145 and is otherwise a qualified elector under the provisions of
146 Section 23-15-11, shall have his or her right to vote suspended
147 upon conviction but shall have his or her right to vote



148 automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of the
149 sentencing requirements of the conviction. Once the person has
150 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction,
151 the voter's name shall be automatically restored into the
152 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and
153 the county's pollbooks.

154 **SECTION 7.** Section 23-15-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
155 amended as follows:

156 23-15-153. (1) At least during the following times, the
157 election commissioners shall meet at the office of the registrar
158 or the office of the election commissioners to carefully revise
159 the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the
160 Statewide Elections Management System and remove from the roll the
161 names of all voters who have requested to be purged from the voter
162 roll, died, received an adjudication of non compos mentis, been
163 convicted of a disenfranchising crime and had his or her right to
164 vote suspended, failed to comply with the provisions of Section
165 23-15-152, or otherwise become disqualified as electors for any
166 cause, and shall register the names of all persons who have duly
167 applied to be registered but have been illegally denied
168 registration:

169 (a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January
170 1987 and every following year;



(b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately preceding the first primary election for members of Congress in the years when members of Congress are elected;

(c) On the first Monday in the month immediately preceding the first primary election for state, state district legislative, county and county district offices in the years in which those offices are elected; and

(d) On the second Monday of September preceding the general election or regular special election day in years in which a general election is not conducted.

Except for the names of those voters who are duly qualified to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain in the Statewide Elections Management System; however, no name shall be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System based on a change in the residence of an elector except in accordance with procedures provided for by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and as provided in Section 23-15-152. Except as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-573, no person shall vote at any election whose name is not in the county voter roll electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System.

(2) Except as provided in this section, and subject to the following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated

196 over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of
197 their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in
198 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in
199 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained
200 by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in
201 subsection (1) of this section:

202 (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand
203 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
204 census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than
205 fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
206 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

207 (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)
208 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
209 less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the
210 latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75)
211 days per year, with no more than twenty-five (25) additional days
212 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
213 occurring in any calendar year;

214 (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)
215 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
216 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the
217 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100)
218 days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days
219 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
220 occurring in any calendar year;



221 (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)
222 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
223 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the
224 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred
225 twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45)
226 additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess
227 of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

228 (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)
229 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
230 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents
231 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than
232 one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than
233 fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
234 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

235 (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand
236 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
237 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents
238 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than
239 one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than
240 sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
241 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

242 (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)
243 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
244 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents
245 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than



246 one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than
247 seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
248 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

249 (h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand
250 (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
251 census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)
252 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not
253 more than two hundred fifteen (215) days per year, with no more
254 than eighty-five (85) additional days allowed for the conduct of
255 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

256 (i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand
257 (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
258 census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000)
259 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not
260 more than two hundred thirty (230) days per year, with no more
261 than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of
262 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

263 (j) In counties having two hundred seventy-five
264 thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal
265 decennial census or more, not more than two hundred forty (240)
266 days per year, with no more than one hundred five (105) additional
267 days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
268 occurring in any calendar year.

269 (3) In addition to the number of days authorized in
270 subsection (2) of this section, the board of supervisors of a



271 county may authorize, in its discretion, the election
272 commissioners to receive a per diem in the amount provided for in
273 subsection (2) of this section, to be paid from the county general
274 fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours
275 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the
276 performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or
277 actually employed in the performance of their duties for the
278 necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as
279 electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management
280 System as required in subsection (1) of this section, not to
281 exceed five (5) days.

282 (4) (a) The election commissioners shall be entitled to
283 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars
284 (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed
285 ten (10) days for every day or period of no less than five (5)
286 hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in
287 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in
288 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained
289 by the Statewide Elections Management System before any special
290 election. For purposes of this paragraph, the regular special
291 election day shall not be considered a special election. The
292 annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section
293 shall not apply to this paragraph.

294 (b) The election commissioners shall be entitled to
295 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Sixty-five Dollars



296 (\$165.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for the
297 performance of their duties on the day of any primary, runoff,
298 general or special election. The annual limitations set forth in
299 subsection (2) of this section shall apply to this paragraph.

300 (5) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive
301 a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to
302 be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed fourteen (14)
303 days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours
304 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the
305 performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the
306 revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by
307 the Statewide Elections Management System and in the conduct of a
308 runoff election following either a general or special election.

309 (6) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive
310 only one (1) per diem payment for those days when the election
311 commissioners discharge more than one (1) duty or responsibility
312 on the same day.

313 (7) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive
314 a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to
315 be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed five (5) days
316 for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated
317 over two (2) or more days for those days when the election
318 commissioners shall be required to conduct an audit of an election
319 as provided in Section 23-15-615.



320 (8) In preparation for a municipal primary, runoff, general
321 or special election, the county registrar shall generate and
322 distribute the master voter roll and pollbooks from the Statewide
323 Elections Management System for the municipality located within
324 the county. The municipality shall pay the county registrar for
325 the actual cost of preparing and printing the municipal master
326 voter roll pollbooks. A municipality may secure "read only"
327 access to the Statewide Elections Management System and print its
328 own pollbooks using this information.

329 (9) County election commissioners who perform the duties of
330 an executive committee with regard to the conduct of a primary
331 election under a written agreement authorized by law to be entered
332 into with an executive committee shall receive per diem as
333 provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The days that
334 county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of a
335 primary election shall be treated the same as days county election
336 commissioners are employed in the conduct of other elections.

337 (10) In addition to any per diem authorized by this section,
338 any election commissioner shall be entitled to the mileage
339 reimbursement rate allowable to federal employees for the use of a
340 privately owned vehicle while on official travel on election day.

341 (11) Every election commissioner shall sign personally a
342 certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked in
343 the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for
344 which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must



345 be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's
346 signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's
347 oath of office and under penalties of perjury.

348 The certification form shall be as follows:

349 **COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

350 **PER DIEM CLAIM FORM**

351 NAME: _____ COUNTY: _____

352 ADDRESS: _____ DISTRICT: _____

353 CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

			PURPOSE	APPLICABLE	ACTUAL	PER DIEM
354	DATE	BEGINNING	ENDING	OF	MS CODE	HOURS
355	WORKED	TIME	TIME	WORK	SECTION	DAYS
356	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
357	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
358	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
359	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

360 TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

361 EXCLUDING ELECTION DAYS _____

362 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$110.00

363 TOTAL NUMBER PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

364 FOR ELECTION DAYS _____

365 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$165.00

366 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PER DIEM CLAIMED \$ _____

367 I understand that I am signing this document under my oath as
368 an election commissioner and under penalties of perjury.

369 I understand that I am requesting payment from taxpayer funds
370 and that I have an obligation to be specific and truthful as to
371 the amount of hours worked and the compensation I am requesting.

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374 Commissioner's Signature

375 When properly completed and signed, the certification must be
376 filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors before any
377 payment may be made. The certification will be a public record
378 available for inspection and reproduction immediately upon the
379 oral or written request of any person.

380 Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in
381 any respect by notifying the chair of the commission, any member
382 of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of
383 supervisors of the contest at any time before or after payment is
384 made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment
385 shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is
386 finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be
387 entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of
388 supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor
389 compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents
390 and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo
391 to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be
392 perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the

393 commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of
394 supervisors, as the case may be.

395 Any contestor who successfully contests any certification
396 will be awarded all expenses incident to his or her contest,
397 together with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded
398 upon petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon
399 final disposition of the contest before the election commission,
400 board of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in
401 case of an appeal, final disposition by the court. The
402 commissioner against whom the contest is decided shall be liable
403 for the payment of the expenses and attorney's fees, and the
404 county shall be jointly and severally liable for same.

405 (12) Any election commissioner who has not received a
406 certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section
407 23-15-211 indicating that the election commissioner has received
408 the required elections seminar instruction and that the election
409 commissioner is fully qualified to conduct an election, shall not
410 receive any compensation authorized by this section or Section
411 23-15-239.

412 **SECTION 8.** Section 23-15-165, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
413 amended as follows:

414 23-15-165. (1) The Office of the Secretary of State, in
415 cooperation with the county registrars and election commissioners,
416 shall procure, implement and maintain an electronic information
417 processing system and programs capable of maintaining a



418 centralized database of all registered voters in the state. The
419 system shall encompass software and hardware, at both the state
420 and county level, software development training, conversion and
421 support and maintenance for the system. The Secretary of State
422 shall equip the Statewide Elections Management System with
423 appropriate security measures to protect private information of
424 the registered voter and the integrity of Mississippi elections.
425 This system shall be known as the "Statewide Elections Management
426 System" and shall constitute the official record of registered
427 voters in every county of the state.

428 (2) The Office of the Secretary of State shall develop and
429 implement the Statewide Elections Management System so that the
430 registrar and election commissioners of each county shall:

431 (a) Verify that an applicant that is registering to
432 vote in that county is not registered to vote in another county;

433 (b) Be notified automatically that a registered voter
434 in its county has registered to vote in another county;

435 (c) Receive regular reports of death, changes of
436 address and convictions for disenfranchising crimes, which cause a
437 voter to have his or her right to vote suspended, that apply to
438 voters registered in the county;

439 (d) Receive regular reports of voters who have
440 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of his or her
441 conviction and automatically restore the voter's name into the



442 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and
443 the county's pollbooks;

444 (* * *e) Retain all present functionality related to,
445 but not limited to, the use of voter roll data and to implement
446 such other functionality as the law requires to enhance the
447 maintenance of accurate county voter records and related jury
448 selection and redistricting programs; and

449 (* * *f) When evidence exists that a registered voter
450 may not be a citizen of the United States as provided in Section
451 23-15-15, send notification to the registrar of the location where
452 the person is registered to vote.

453 (3) As a part of the procurement and implementation of the
454 system, the Office of the Secretary of State shall, with the
455 assistance of the advisory committee, procure services necessary
456 to convert current voter registration records in the counties into
457 a standard, industry accepted file format that can be used on the
458 Statewide Elections Management System. Thereafter, all official
459 voter information shall be maintained on the Statewide Elections
460 Management System. The standard industry accepted format of data
461 was reviewed and approved by a majority of the advisory committee
462 created in subsection (5) of this section after consultation with
463 the Circuit Clerks Association and the format may not be changed
464 without consulting the Circuit Clerks Association.

465 (4) The Secretary of State may, with the assistance of the
466 advisory committee, adopt rules and regulations necessary to



467 administer the Statewide Elections Management System. The rules
468 and regulations shall at least:

469 (a) Provide for the establishment and maintenance of a
470 centralized database for all voter registration information in the
471 state;

472 (b) Provide procedures for integrating data into the
473 centralized database;

474 (c) Provide security to ensure that only the registrar,
475 or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law
476 may require, can add information to, delete information from and
477 modify information in the system;

478 (d) Provide the registrar or his or her designee or
479 other appropriate official, as the law may require, access to the
480 system at all times, including the ability to download copies of
481 the industry standard file, for all purposes related to their
482 official duties, including, but not limited to, exclusive access
483 for the purpose of printing all local pollbooks;

484 (e) Provide security and protection of all information
485 in the system and monitor the system to ensure that unauthorized
486 access is not allowed;

487 (f) Provide a procedure that will allow the registrar,
488 or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law
489 may require, to identify the precinct to which a voter should be
490 assigned; and

491 (g) Provide a procedure for phasing in or converting
492 existing manual and computerized voter registration systems in
493 counties to the Statewide Elections Management System.

(5) The Secretary of State established an advisory committee to assist in developing system specifications, procurement, implementation and maintenance of the Statewide Elections Management System. The committee included two (2) representatives from the Circuit Clerks Association, appointed by the association; two (2) representatives from the Election Commissioners Association of Mississippi, appointed by the association; one (1) member of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, or its staff, appointed by the association; the Director of the Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University, or his or her designee; the Executive Director of the Department of Information Technology Services, or his or her designee; two (2) persons knowledgeable about elections and information technology appointed by the Secretary of State; and the Secretary of State, who shall serve as the chair of the advisory committee.

509 (6) (a) Social security numbers, telephone numbers, email
510 addresses, and date of birth and age information in statewide,
511 district, county and municipal voter registration files shall be
512 exempt from and shall not be subject to inspection, examination,
513 copying or reproduction under the Mississippi Public Records Act
514 of 1983.



515 (b) Copies of statewide, district, county or municipal
516 voter registration files, excluding social security numbers,
517 telephone numbers, email addresses, and date of birth and age
518 information, shall be provided to any person in accordance with
519 the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 at a cost not to exceed
520 the actual cost of production.

521 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
522 and after July 1, 2025.

