

By: Senator(s) Hill

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2633

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO PROVIDE ONE FORM OF PROOF OF
3 CITIZENSHIP AND TWO FORMS OF PROOF OF ADDRESS IN ORDER TO REGISTER
4 TO VOTE; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
5 CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 23-15-11. (1) Every inhabitant of this state, except
10 persons adjudicated to be non compos mentis, * * * is eligible to
11 register to vote, if he or she:

12 (a) Is a citizen of the United States of America, and
13 can provide at least one (1) form of documentation that shall
14 serve as proof of citizenship. For the purpose of this section,
15 proof of citizenship shall include:

16 (i) The voter's birth certificate or a legible
17 photocopy of the birth certificate;



18 (ii) A United States passport, or a legible
19 photocopy of the pertinent pages of the passport, identifying the
20 voter and showing the passport number;

21 (iii) The voter's United States naturalization
22 documentation, a legible photocopy of the naturalization
23 documentation, or the number of the voter's certificate of
24 naturalization; except that any person who provides the number of
25 the certificate of naturalization in lieu of the naturalization
26 documentation shall not be deemed to have provided proof of
27 citizenship until the Secretary of State verifies the number with
28 the United States citizenship and immigration services in the
29 Department of Homeland Security or its successor; or

30 (iv) Any document or method of proof of
31 citizenship established by the federal Immigration Reform and
32 Control Act of 1986, Public Law 99-603, compiled in 8 U.S.C.
33 Section 1101 et seq.

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

35 (c) * * * Has resided in this state for thirty (30)
36 days and for thirty (30) days in the county in which he or she
37 seeks to vote, and for thirty (30) days in the incorporated
38 municipality in which he or she seeks to vote, and can provide, at
39 minimum, two (2) forms of proof of address. The address listed on
40 the application should accurately reflect where the applicant
41 resides. Current documents must be dated, with a date no more



than ninety (90) days prior to application submission date. For the purpose of this section, proof of address shall include:

(i) Valid Mississippi driver's license;

(ii) Valid state issued ID;

(iii) Current bank statement;

(iv) Current cell phone bill;

(v) Current utility bill;

(vi) Current cable bill;

(vii) Current employment records;

(viii) Rent/lease agreement effective as of the date the document is submitted; and

(ix) Mortgage documentation;

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

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

(2) Individuals who satisfy all of the requirements in subsection (1) of this section, shall be a qualified elector in and for the county, municipality and voting precinct of his or her residence, and shall be entitled to vote at any election upon compliance with Section 23-15-563.

(3) If the thirtieth day to register before an election falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, the registration applications submitted on the business day immediately following the Sunday or



67 legal holiday shall be accepted and entered in the Statewide
68 Elections Management System for the purpose of enabling voters to
69 vote in the next election.

70 (4) Any person who will be eighteen (18) years of age or
71 older on or before the date of the general election and who is
72 duly registered to vote not less than thirty (30) days before the
73 primary election associated with the general election, may vote in
74 the primary election even though the person has not reached his or
75 her eighteenth birthday at the time that the person seeks to vote
76 at the primary election.

77 (5) No others than those specified in this section shall be
78 entitled, or shall be allowed, to vote at any election.

79 **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
80 amended as follows:

81 23-15-13. (1) An elector who moves from one (1) ward or
82 voting precinct to another ward within the same municipality or
83 voting precinct within the same county shall not be disqualified
84 to vote, but he or she shall be entitled to have his or her
85 registration transferred to his or her new ward or voting precinct
86 upon making a written request therefor at any time up to thirty
87 (30) days before the election at which he or she offers to vote,
88 and if the removal occurs within thirty (30) days of such election
89 he or she shall be entitled to vote in his or her new ward or
90 voting precinct by affidavit ballot as provided in Section
91 23-15-573. As part of the voter registration transfer



92 application, the voter shall provide proof of address as required
93 by Section 23-15-11(1)(c). If the thirtieth day to transfer the
94 elector's registration before an election falls on a Sunday or
95 legal holiday, the transfer of the elector's registration
96 submitted on the business day immediately following the Sunday or
97 legal holiday shall be accepted and entered into the Statewide
98 Elections Management System for the purpose of enabling voters to
99 vote in the next election.

100 (2) If an elector requests a change in his or her address
101 under Section 23-15-49 and the address is located in a precinct in
102 the county or municipality that differs from the precinct as
103 reflected in the then current registration records, the request
104 shall be treated in the same manner as a written request to
105 transfer the elector's registration under subsection (1) of this
106 section. As part of the voter registration transfer application,
107 the voter shall provide proof of address as required by Section
108 23-15-11(1)(c).

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

