

By: Senator(s) Tate

To: Elections

## SENATE BILL NO. 2639

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-895, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE CLARITY REGARDING THE DISTANCE THAT MUST BE MAINTAINED  
3 BETWEEN CAMPAIGN MATERIALS AND A PUBLIC BUILDING WHERE AN ELECTION  
4 IS BEING HELD; TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR CAMPAIGN MATERIALS TO BE  
5 DISPLAYED OR DISTRIBUTED WHEN ON PRIVATE PROPERTY IF THE PERSON  
6 DISPLAYING OR DISTRIBUTING THE CAMPAIGN MATERIALS HAS A LEASE OR  
7 OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-895, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 23-15-895. (1) (a) No \* \* \* person may post or distribute  
12 cards, posters or other campaign material and campaign literature  
13 for any candidate, constitutional amendment, local issue or other  
14 measure printed on the ballot within one hundred fifty (150) feet  
15 of any entrance of the building wherein any election is being  
16 held.

17 (b) This prohibition shall not apply to any material  
18 posted or distributed on private property or private  
19 establishments by a person having a leased or ownership interest  
20 in the private property or private establishment.



21       (2) No candidate or a representative named by him or her in  
22 writing may appear at any polling place while armed or uniformed,  
23 or display any badge or credentials except as may be issued by the  
24 manager of the polling place. As used in this section, the term  
25 "local issue" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in  
26 Section 23-15-375. This section shall be enforced by election  
27 officials and law enforcement officials.

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

