

By: Senator(s) Tate

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2640

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-125, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ALLOW THE INCLUSION OF INACTIVE VOTERS IN ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS
3 SO LONG AS AFFIDAVIT BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AT SAID VOTING
4 PRECINCT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 23-15-125. (1) The pollbook of each voting precinct shall
9 designate the voting precinct for which it is to be used, and
10 shall be ruled in appropriate columns, with printed or written
11 headings, as follows: date of registration; voter registration
12 number; name of electors; date of birth; and a number of blank
13 columns for the dates of elections. All qualified applicants who
14 register with the registrar shall be entered in the Statewide
15 Elections Management System. Only the names of those qualified
16 applicants who register within thirty (30) days before an election
17 shall appear on the pollbooks of the election; however, if the
18 thirtieth day to register before an election falls on a Sunday or
19 legal holiday, the registration applications submitted on the



20 business day immediately following the legal holiday shall be
21 accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections Management System
22 for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in the next election.
23 When county election commissioners determine that any elector is
24 disqualified from voting, by reason of death, conviction of a
25 disenfranchising crime, removal from the jurisdiction, failure to
26 comply with the provisions of Section 23-15-152, or other legal
27 cause, that fact shall be noted in the Statewide Elections
28 Management System and the voter's name shall be purged from the
29 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and
30 the county's pollbooks.

31 (2) Nothing in this section shall preclude the use of
32 electronic pollbooks. Voting precincts that utilize electronic
33 pollbooks, shall maintain all the information that is required in
34 subsection (1) of this section, as well as a list of inactive
35 registered voters who formerly held active status, and have moved
36 to inactive status following the procedures in Sections 23-15-152
37 and 23-15-153. Electronic pollbooks shall not include individuals
38 who have been removed from the voter roll because the county
39 election commissioners determined that an elector was disqualified
40 from voting by reason of death, conviction of a disenfranchising
41 crime, removal from the jurisdiction, failure to comply with the
42 provisions of Section 23-15-152, or other legal cause that was
43 noted in the Statewide Elections Management System and the voter's
44 name was purged from the Statewide Elections Management System,



45 the state's voter roll and the county's pollbooks. If a voter is
46 deemed to be in inactive status, the voter may vote by affidavit
47 ballot only, and that ballot shall be accepted and counted
48 following the same procedure provided in Section 23-15-573.

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

