

By: Senator(s) Seymour

To: Elections

## SENATE BILL NO. 2641

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-753, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO INCREASE PUNISHMENT FOR THE CRIME OF VOTE FRAUD TO A FINE NOT  
3 LESS THAN \$1,000.00 AND A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT IN THE PENITENTIARY  
4 FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-753, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 23-15-753. (1) Any person who willfully, unlawfully and  
9 feloniously procures, seeks to procure, or seeks to influence the  
10 vote of any person voting by absentee ballot, by the payment of  
11 money, the promise of payment of money, or by the delivery of any  
12 other item of value or promise to give the voter any item of  
13 value, or by promising or giving the voter any favor or reward in  
14 an effort to influence his or her vote, or any person who aids,  
15 abets, assists, encourages, helps, or causes any person voting an  
16 absentee ballot to violate any provision of law pertaining to  
17 absentee voting, or any person who sells his or her vote for  
18 money, favor, or reward, has been paid or promised money, a  
19 reward, a favor or favors, or any other item of value, or any



20 person who fraudulently requests or submits an absentee ballot  
21 application for any voter, or any person who shall willfully swear  
22 falsely to any affidavit provided for in Sections 23-15-621  
23 through 23-15-735, shall be guilty of the felony crime of "vote  
24 fraud" and, upon conviction, shall be \* \* \* fined not less  
25 than \* \* \* One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than Five  
26 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), \* \* \* and shall be sentenced to the  
27 State Penitentiary for not less than one (1) year nor more than  
28 five (5) years.

29 (2) It shall be unlawful for any person who pays or  
30 compensates another person for assisting voters in marking their  
31 absentee ballots to base the pay or compensation on the number of  
32 absentee voters assisted or the number of absentee ballots cast by  
33 persons who have received the assistance. Any person who violates  
34 this section, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than One  
35 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars  
36 (\$5,000.00), \* \* \* and shall be imprisoned in the Penitentiary not  
37 less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, or both.

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

