

By: Senator(s) England

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2649

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-13-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CREATE A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR SOMEONE WHO ASSISTS AN ELECTOR
3 WITH CASTING A BALLOT, BUT WILLFULLY FAILS TO TURN IN THE BALLOT;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-13-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 97-13-13. (1) If any person shall take or remove any ballot
9 from a voting place before the close of the polls, he or she
10 shall, on conviction, be imprisoned in the county jail not more
11 than one (1) year, or be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars
12 (\$1,000.00), or both.

13 (2) If any person who is assisting an elector with voting,
14 in accordance with the law, willfully fails to cast the ballot in
15 the ballot box with the intent of the ballot not being counted in
16 the election, the person shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a
17 felony and shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not more
18 than three (3) years, and subject to a fine of not more than Five
19 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).



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

