

By: Senator(s) England

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2656

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-1031, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO MOVE THE FIRST UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY WITHIN THE
3 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO MARCH OF EACH YEAR IN WHICH CONGRESSMEN
4 ARE ELECTED; TO REPEAL SECTION 23-15-1083, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
5 1972, WHICH COORDINATES UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARIES WITH
6 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES WHEN BOTH WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE SAME
7 YEAR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-1031, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 23-15-1031. * * * The first primary election for Congressmen
12 shall be held on the first Tuesday in * * * March of the years in
13 which congressmen are elected, and a second primary, if necessary,
14 shall be held four (4) weeks thereafter. * * * The election shall
15 be held in all districts of the state on the same day. Candidates
16 for United States Senator shall be nominated at the congressional
17 primary next preceding the general election at which a senator is
18 to be elected and in the same manner that congressmen are
19 nominated. The chair and secretary of the state executive
20 committee shall certify the vote for United States Senator to the



21 Secretary of State in the same manner that county executive
22 committees certify the returns of counties in general state and
23 county primary elections.

24 **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-1083, Mississippi Code of 1972,
25 which coordinates United States congressional primaries with
26 presidential primaries when both will take place within the same
27 year, is repealed.

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

