Adopted AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO

Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2650

BY: Senator(s) England

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 23-15-805, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-805. (1) (a) Candidates and candidate committees for 12 13 state, state district, and legislative district offices, and every 14 political committee, which makes reportable contributions to or 15 expenditures in support of or in opposition to a candidate for any such office or makes reportable contributions to or expenditures 16 17 in support of or in opposition to a statewide ballot measure, 18 shall file all reports required under this * * * chapter with the 19 Office of the Secretary of State. Candidates, candidate

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20 <u>committees and political committees may file all reports required</u> 21 <u>under this chapter through the Secretary of State's online filing</u> 22 <u>system and may file via facsimile, electronic mail, postal mail or</u> 23 hand delivery.

24 (b) The Secretary of State shall maintain a central 25 site on the internet to make accessible to the public and 26 searchable all publicly available election-related reports and 27 information. Reports shall be searchable by the identifiable 28 variables on the report, including, but not limited to, candidate, 29 office sought, itemized contribution, itemized expenditure, amount 30 of contribution and amount of expenditure. In this section, the term "election-related report" means any report, designation or 31 32 statement required to be filed under this chapter.

33 (* * *2) Candidates and candidate committees for county or county district office, and every political committee which makes 34 35 reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or in 36 opposition to a candidate for such office or makes reportable 37 contributions to or expenditures in support of or in opposition to 38 a countywide ballot measure or a ballot measure affecting part of 39 a county, excepting a municipal ballot measure, shall file all 40 reports required by this section in the office of the circuit 41 clerk of the county in which the election occurs, or directly to the Office of the Secretary of State * * *. The circuit clerk 42 43 shall forward copies of all reports to the Office of the Secretary of State. Candidates, candidate committees and political 44

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45 <u>committees may file all reports required under this chapter</u> 46 <u>through the Secretary of State's online filing system, and any</u> 47 <u>reports forwarded by the circuit clerk to the Secretary of State</u> 48 shall be posted to the online filing system.

49 (* * *3) Candidates for municipal office, and every 50 political committee which makes reportable contributions to or expenditures in support of or in opposition to a candidate for 51 52 such office, or makes reportable contributions to or expenditures 53 in support of or in opposition to a municipal ballot measure shall 54 file all reports required by this article in the office of the 55 municipal clerk of the municipality in which the election occurs, 56 or directly to the Office of the Secretary of State * * *. The 57 municipal clerk shall forward copies of all reports to the Office 58 of the Secretary of State. Candidates, candidate committees and 59 political committees may file all reports required under this 60 chapter through the Secretary of State's online filing system, and 61 any reports forwarded by the municipal clerk to the Secretary of State shall be posted to the online filing system. 62

(***<u>4</u>) The Secretary of State, the circuit clerks and the
municipal clerks shall make all reports received under this
subsection available for public inspection and copying and shall
preserve the reports for a period of five (5) years.

67 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from 68 and after January 1, 2026.

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Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-805, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 1 2 TO MODIFY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING PROCESS BY REQUIRING THAT 3 THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAINTAIN A CENTRAL SITE ON THE INTERNET TO MAKE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AND EASILY 4 5 SEARCHABLE; TO PROVIDE THAT CANDIDATES, CANDIDATE COMMITTEES AND 6 POLITICAL COMMITTEES MAY FILE REPORTS USING THE ONLINE FILING 7 SYSTEM CREATED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AND FOR RELATED 8 PURPOSES.