

By: Representative Scott

To: Apportionment and
Elections; Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 61

1 AN ACT CREATE THE DONALD J. TRUMP VOTING RIGHTS RESTORATION
 2 ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 3 PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS OTHERWISE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR AND HAS
 4 BEEN CONVICTED OF VOTER FRAUD, BRIBERY, THEFT, ARSON, OBTAINING
 5 MONEY OR GOODS UNDER FALSE PRETENSE, PERJURY, FORGERY,
 6 EMBEZZLEMENT, BIGAMY OR ANY CRIME INTERPRETED AS DISENFRANCHISING
 7 IN LATER ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS EXCEPT FOR MURDER AND RAPE
 8 SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE SUSPENDED UPON CONVICTION AND
 9 SHALL NOT HAVE HIS OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE RESTORED UNTIL HE OR SHE
 10 HAS SATISFIED ALL OF THE SENTENCING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONVICTION
 11 INCLUDING PAROLE BUT NOT PROBATION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-19,
 12 23-15-125, 23-15-151, 23-15-153 AND 23-15-165, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
 13 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; TO BRING FORWARD
 14 SECTIONS 97-39-3 AND 99-19-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE
 15 PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

17 **SECTION 1.** The provisions of this act may be cited as the
 18 "Donald J. Trump Voting Rights Restoration Act."

19 **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 20 amended as follows:

21 23-15-11. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection
 22 (2), every inhabitant of this state, except persons adjudicated to
 23 be non compos mentis, shall be a qualified elector in and for the
 24 county, municipality and voting precinct of his or her residence



25 and shall be entitled to vote at any election upon compliance with
26 Section 23-15-563, if he or she is:

27 (a) * * * A citizen of the United States of
28 America * * *;

29 (b) Eighteen (18) years old and upwards * * *;

30 (c) * * * A resident in this state for thirty (30) days
31 and for thirty (30) days in the county in which he or she seeks to
32 vote, and for thirty (30) days in the incorporated municipality in
33 which he or she seeks to vote * * *;

34 (d) * * * Duly registered as an elector under Section
35 23-15-33 * * *; and

36 (e) * * * Never * * * convicted of rape or murder * * *.

37 If the thirtieth day to register before an election falls on
38 a Sunday or legal holiday, the registration applications submitted
39 on the business day immediately following the Sunday or legal
40 holiday shall be accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections
41 Management System for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in
42 the next election.

43 (2) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector under the
44 provisions of subsection (1) and has been convicted of voter
45 fraud, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false
46 pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, bigamy or any crime
47 interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney General opinions
48 except for murder and rape shall have his or her right to vote
49 suspended upon conviction and shall have his or her right to vote



50 restored once he or she has satisfied all of the sentencing
51 requirements of the conviction.

52 (3) Any person who will be eighteen (18) years of age or
53 older on or before the date of the general election and who is
54 duly registered to vote not less than thirty (30) days before the
55 primary election associated with the general election, may vote in
56 the primary election even though the person has not reached his or
57 her eighteenth birthday at the time that the person seeks to vote
58 at the primary election.

59 (4) No others than those specified in this section shall be
60 entitled, or shall be allowed, to vote at any election.

61 **SECTION 3.** Section 23-15-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
62 amended as follows:

63 23-15-19. Any person who has been convicted of vote
64 fraud * * *, any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi
65 Constitution of 1890, except for murder and rape, or any crime
66 interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney General
67 opinions, such crimes defined as "disenfranchising," shall * * *
68 have his or her right to vote suspended upon conviction and shall
69 have his or her right to vote restored once he or she has
70 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction.

71 Whenever any person shall be convicted in the circuit court of his
72 or her county of a disenfranchising crime, the county registrar
73 shall * * * remove his or her name from the Statewide Elections
74 Management System until he or she has satisfied all of the



75 sentencing requirements of the conviction; and whenever any person
76 shall be convicted of a disenfranchising crime in any other court
77 of any county, the presiding judge of the court shall, on demand,
78 certify the fact in writing to the registrar of the county in
79 which the voter resides, who shall * * * remove the name of the
80 person from the Statewide Elections Management System until he or
81 she has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the
82 conviction and retain the certificate as a record of his or her
83 office.

84 **SECTION 4.** Section 23-15-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
85 amended as follows:

86 23-15-125. The pollbook of each voting precinct shall
87 designate the voting precinct for which it is to be used, and
88 shall be ruled in appropriate columns, with printed or written
89 headings, as follows: date of registration; voter registration
90 number; name of electors; date of birth; and a number of blank
91 columns for the dates of elections. All qualified applicants who
92 register with the registrar shall be entered in the Statewide
93 Elections Management System. Only the names of those qualified
94 applicants who register within thirty (30) days before an election
95 shall appear on the pollbooks of the election; however, if the
96 thirtieth day to register before an election falls on a Sunday or
97 legal holiday, the registration applications submitted on the
98 business day immediately following the legal holiday shall be
99 accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections Management System



100 for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in the next election.
101 When county election commissioners determine that any elector is
102 disqualified from voting, by reason of death, conviction of a
103 disenfranchising crime, removal from the jurisdiction, failure to
104 comply with the provisions of Section 23-15-152, or other legal
105 cause, that fact shall be noted in the Statewide Elections
106 Management System and the voter's name shall be purged from the
107 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and
108 the county's pollbooks. Nothing in this section shall preclude
109 the use of electronic pollbooks. A person who is otherwise a
110 qualified elector under the provisions of Section 23-15-11 and has
111 been convicted of voter fraud, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining
112 money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery,
113 embezzlement, bigamy or any crime interpreted as disenfranchising
114 in later Attorney General opinions except for murder and rape
115 shall have his or her right to vote suspended upon conviction but
116 shall have his or her right to vote restored once he or she has
117 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction.
118 Once the person has satisfied all of the sentencing requirements
119 of the conviction, the voter's name shall be restored in the
120 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and
121 the county's pollbooks.

122 **SECTION 5.** Section 23-15-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
123 amended as follows:



124 23-15-151. The circuit clerk of each county is authorized
125 and directed to prepare and keep in his or her office a full and
126 complete list, in alphabetical order, of persons convicted of
127 voter fraud or of any crime listed in Section 241, Mississippi
128 Constitution of 1890 or any crime interpreted as disenfranchising
129 in later Attorney General opinions whose right to vote has been
130 suspended upon conviction. A certified copy of any enrollment by
131 one clerk to another will be sufficient authority for the
132 enrollment of the name, or names, in another county. A list of
133 persons convicted of voter fraud, any crime listed in Section 241,
134 Mississippi Constitution of 1890, or any crime interpreted as
135 disenfranchising in later Attorney General opinions, shall also be
136 entered into the Statewide Elections Management System on a
137 quarterly basis. * * * A person who is otherwise a qualified
138 elector under the provisions of Section 23-15-11 and has been
139 convicted of voter fraud, any crime listed in Section 241,
140 Mississippi Constitution of 1890, except for murder and rape, or
141 any crime interpreted as disenfranchising in later Attorney
142 General opinions, shall have his or her right to vote suspended
143 upon conviction but shall have his or her right to vote
144 automatically restored once he or she has satisfied all of the
145 sentencing requirements of the conviction. Once the person has
146 satisfied all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction,
147 the voter's name shall be automatically restored into the



148 Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and
149 the county's pollbooks.

150 **SECTION 6.** Section 23-15-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
151 amended as follows:

152 23-15-153. (1) At least during the following times, the
153 election commissioners shall meet at the office of the registrar
154 or the office of the election commissioners to carefully revise
155 the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the
156 Statewide Elections Management System and remove from the roll the
157 names of all voters who have requested to be purged from the voter
158 roll, died, received an adjudication of non compos mentis, been
159 convicted of a disenfranchising crime and has had his or her right
160 to vote suspended, failed to comply with the provisions of Section
161 23-15-152, or otherwise become disqualified as electors for any
162 cause, and shall register the names of all persons who have duly
163 applied to be registered but have been illegally denied
164 registration:

165 (a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January
166 1987 and every following year;

167 (b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately
168 preceding the first primary election for members of Congress in
169 the years when members of Congress are elected;

170 (c) On the first Monday in the month immediately
171 preceding the first primary election for state, state district



172 legislative, county and county district offices in the years in
173 which those offices are elected; and

174 (d) On the second Monday of September preceding the
175 general election or regular special election day in years in which
176 a general election is not conducted.

177 Except for the names of those voters who are duly qualified
178 to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain in
179 the Statewide Elections Management System; however, no name shall
180 be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System based on
181 a change in the residence of an elector except in accordance with
182 procedures provided for by the National Voter Registration Act of
183 1993 and as provided in Section 23-15-152. Except as otherwise
184 provided by Section 23-15-573, no person shall vote at any
185 election whose name is not in the county voter roll electronically
186 maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System.

187 (2) Except as provided in this section, and subject to the
188 following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be
189 entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten
190 Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for
191 every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated
192 over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of
193 their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in
194 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in
195 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained



196 by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in
197 subsection (1) of this section:

198 (a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand
199 (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
200 census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than
201 fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
202 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

203 (b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)
204 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
205 less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the
206 latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75)
207 days per year, with no more than twenty-five (25) additional days
208 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
209 occurring in any calendar year;

210 (c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)
211 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
212 less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the
213 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100)
214 days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days
215 allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
216 occurring in any calendar year;

217 (d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000)
218 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
219 less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the
220 latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred



221 twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45)
222 additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess
223 of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

224 (e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)
225 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
226 less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents
227 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than
228 one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than
229 fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
230 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

231 (f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand
232 (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
233 census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents
234 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than
235 one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than
236 sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
237 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

238 (g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000)
239 residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
240 less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents
241 according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than
242 one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than
243 seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
244 election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;



245 (h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand
246 (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
247 census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)
248 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not
249 more than two hundred fifteen (15) days per year, with no more
250 than eighty-five (85) additional days allowed for the conduct of
251 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

252 (i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand
253 (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
254 census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000)
255 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not
256 more than two hundred thirty (30) days per year, with no more
257 than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of
258 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

259 (j) In counties having two hundred seventy-five
260 thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal
261 decennial census or more, not more than two hundred forty (40)
262 days per year, with no more than one hundred five (105) additional
263 days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
264 occurring in any calendar year.

265 (3) In addition to the number of days authorized in
266 subsection (2) of this section, the board of supervisors of a
267 county may authorize, in its discretion, the election
268 commissioners to receive a per diem in the amount provided for in
269 subsection (2) of this section, to be paid from the county general



270 fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours
271 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the
272 performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or
273 actually employed in the performance of their duties for the
274 necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as
275 electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management
276 System as required in subsection (1) of this section, not to
277 exceed five (5) days.

278 (4) (a) The election commissioners shall be entitled to
279 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars
280 (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed
281 ten (10) days for every day or period of no less than five (5)
282 hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in
283 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in
284 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained
285 by the Statewide Elections Management System before any special
286 election. For purposes of this paragraph, the regular special
287 election day shall not be considered a special election. The
288 annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section
289 shall not apply to this paragraph.

290 (b) The election commissioners shall be entitled to
291 receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Sixty-five Dollars
292 (\$165.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for the
293 performance of their duties on the day of any primary, runoff,



294 general or special election. The annual limitations set forth in
295 subsection (2) of this section shall apply to this paragraph.

296 (5) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive
297 a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to
298 be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed fourteen (14)
299 days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours
300 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the
301 performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the
302 revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by
303 the Statewide Elections Management System and in the conduct of a
304 runoff election following either a general or special election.

305 (6) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive
306 only one (1) per diem payment for those days when the election
307 commissioners discharge more than one (1) duty or responsibility
308 on the same day.

309 (7) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive
310 a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to
311 be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed five (5) days
312 for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated
313 over two (2) or more days for those days when the election
314 commissioners shall be required to conduct an audit of an election
315 as provided in Section 23-15-615.

316 (8) In preparation for a municipal primary, runoff, general
317 or special election, the county registrar shall generate and
318 distribute the master voter roll and pollbooks from the Statewide



319 Elections Management System for the municipality located within
320 the county. The municipality shall pay the county registrar for
321 the actual cost of preparing and printing the municipal master
322 voter roll pollbooks. A municipality may secure "read only"
323 access to the Statewide Elections Management System and print its
324 own pollbooks using this information.

325 (9) County election commissioners who perform the duties of
326 an executive committee with regard to the conduct of a primary
327 election under a written agreement authorized by law to be entered
328 into with an executive committee shall receive per diem as
329 provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The days that
330 county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of a
331 primary election shall be treated the same as days county election
332 commissioners are employed in the conduct of other elections.

333 (10) In addition to any per diem authorized by this section,
334 any election commissioner shall be entitled to the mileage
335 reimbursement rate allowable to federal employees for the use of a
336 privately owned vehicle while on official travel on election day.

337 (11) Every election commissioner shall sign personally a
338 certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked in
339 the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for
340 which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must
341 be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's
342 signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's
343 oath of office and under penalties of perjury.



344 The certification form shall be as follows:

345 **COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

346 **PER DIEM CLAIM FORM**

347 NAME: _____ COUNTY: _____

348 ADDRESS: _____ DISTRICT: _____

349 CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

350		PURPOSE	APPLICABLE	ACTUAL	PER DIEM		
351	DATE	BEGINNING	ENDING	OF	MS CODE	HOURS	DAYS
352	WORKED	TIME	TIME	WORK	SECTION	WORKED	EARNED

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356 TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

357 EXCLUDING ELECTION DAYS _____

358 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$110.00

359 TOTAL NUMBER PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

360 FOR ELECTION DAYS _____

361 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$165.00

362 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PER DIEM CLAIMED \$ _____

363 I understand that I am signing this document under my oath as
364 an election commissioner and under penalties of perjury.

365 I understand that I am requesting payment from taxpayer funds
366 and that I have an obligation to be specific and truthful as to
367 the amount of hours worked and the compensation I am requesting.

368 Signed this the _____ day of _____, ____.



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Commissioner's Signature

When properly completed and signed, the certification must be filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors before any payment may be made. The certification will be a public record available for inspection and reproduction immediately upon the oral or written request of any person.

Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in any respect by notifying the chair of the commission, any member of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of supervisors of the contest at any time before or after payment is made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of supervisors, as the case may be.

Any contestor who successfully contests any certification will be awarded all expenses incident to his or her contest, together with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded



394 upon petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon
395 final disposition of the contest before the election commission,
396 board of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in
397 case of an appeal, final disposition by the court. The
398 commissioner against whom the contest is decided shall be liable
399 for the payment of the expenses and attorney's fees, and the
400 county shall be jointly and severally liable for same.

401 (12) Any election commissioner who has not received a
402 certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section
403 23-15-211 indicating that the election commissioner has received
404 the required elections seminar instruction and that the election
405 commissioner is fully qualified to conduct an election, shall not
406 receive any compensation authorized by this section or Section
407 23-15-239.

408 **SECTION 7.** Section 23-15-165, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
409 amended as follows:

410 23-15-165. (1) The Office of the Secretary of State, in
411 cooperation with the county registrars and election commissioners,
412 shall procure, implement and maintain an electronic information
413 processing system and programs capable of maintaining a
414 centralized database of all registered voters in the state. The
415 system shall encompass software and hardware, at both the state
416 and county level, software development training, conversion and
417 support and maintenance for the system. The Secretary of State
418 shall equip the Statewide Elections Management System with



419 appropriate security measures to protect private information of
420 the registered voter and the integrity of Mississippi elections.
421 This system shall be known as the "Statewide Elections Management
422 System" and shall constitute the official record of registered
423 voters in every county of the state.

424 (2) The Office of the Secretary of State shall develop and
425 implement the Statewide Elections Management System so that the
426 registrar and election commissioners of each county shall:

427 (a) Verify that an applicant that is registering to
428 vote in that county is not registered to vote in another county;

429 (b) Be notified automatically that a registered voter
430 in its county has registered to vote in another county;

431 (c) Receive regular reports of death, changes of
432 address and convictions for disenfranchising crimes which cause a
433 voter to have his or her right to vote suspended that apply to
434 voters registered in the county;

435 (d) Receive regular reports of voters who were not
436 convicted of murder or rape and have satisfied all of the
437 sentencing requirements of his or her conviction and automatically
438 restore the voter's name into the Statewide Elections Management
439 System, the state's voter roll and the county's pollbooks;

440 (* * *e) Retain all present functionality related to,
441 but not limited to, the use of voter roll data and to implement
442 such other functionality as the law requires to enhance the



443 maintenance of accurate county voter records and related jury
444 selection and redistricting programs; and

445 (* * *f) When evidence exists that a registered voter
446 may not be a citizen of the United States as provided in Section
447 23-15-15, send notification to the registrar of the location where
448 the person is registered to vote.

449 (3) As a part of the procurement and implementation of the
450 system, the Office of the Secretary of State shall, with the
451 assistance of the advisory committee, procure services necessary
452 to convert current voter registration records in the counties into
453 a standard, industry accepted file format that can be used on the
454 Statewide Elections Management System. Thereafter, all official
455 voter information shall be maintained on the Statewide Elections
456 Management System. The standard industry accepted format of data
457 was reviewed and approved by a majority of the advisory committee
458 created in subsection (5) of this section after consultation with
459 the Circuit Clerks Association and the format may not be changed
460 without consulting the Circuit Clerks Association.

461 (4) The Secretary of State may, with the assistance of the
462 advisory committee, adopt rules and regulations necessary to
463 administer the Statewide Elections Management System. The rules
464 and regulations shall at least:

465 (a) Provide for the establishment and maintenance of a
466 centralized database for all voter registration information in the
467 state;



468 (b) Provide procedures for integrating data into the
469 centralized database;

470 (c) Provide security to ensure that only the registrar,
471 or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law
472 may require, can add information to, delete information from and
473 modify information in the system;

474 (d) Provide the registrar or his or her designee or
475 other appropriate official, as the law may require, access to the
476 system at all times, including the ability to download copies of
477 the industry standard file, for all purposes related to their
478 official duties, including, but not limited to, exclusive access
479 for the purpose of printing all local pollbooks;

480 (e) Provide security and protection of all information
481 in the system and monitor the system to ensure that unauthorized
482 access is not allowed;

483 (f) Provide a procedure that will allow the registrar,
484 or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law
485 may require, to identify the precinct to which a voter should be
486 assigned; and

487 (g) Provide a procedure for phasing in or converting
488 existing manual and computerized voter registration systems in
489 counties to the Statewide Elections Management System.

490 (5) The Secretary of State established an advisory committee
491 to assist in developing system specifications, procurement,
492 implementation and maintenance of the Statewide Elections



493 Management System. The committee included two (2) representatives
494 from the Circuit Clerks Association, appointed by the association;
495 two (2) representatives from the Election Commissioners
496 Association of Mississippi, appointed by the association; one (1)
497 member of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, or its
498 staff, appointed by the association; the Director of the Stennis
499 Institute of Government at Mississippi State University, or his or
500 her designee; the Executive Director of the Department of
501 Information Technology Services, or his or her designee; two (2)
502 persons knowledgeable about elections and information technology
503 appointed by the Secretary of State; and the Secretary of State,
504 who shall serve as the chair of the advisory committee.

505 (6) (a) Social security numbers, telephone numbers, email
506 addresses, and date of birth and age information in statewide,
507 district, county and municipal voter registration files shall be
508 exempt from and shall not be subject to inspection, examination,
509 copying or reproduction under the Mississippi Public Records Act
510 of 1983.

511 (b) Copies of statewide, district, county or municipal
512 voter registration files, excluding social security numbers,
513 telephone numbers, email addresses, and date of birth and age
514 information, shall be provided to any person in accordance with
515 the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 at a cost not to exceed
516 the actual cost of production.



517 **SECTION 8.** Section 97-39-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
518 brought forward as follows:

519 97-39-3. If any person shall fight a duel, or give or accept
520 a challenge to fight a duel, or knowingly carry or deliver such
521 challenge or the acceptance thereof, or be second to either party
522 to any duel, whether such act be done in the state or out of it,
523 or who shall go out of the state to fight a duel, or to assist in
524 the same as second, or to send, accept, or carry a challenge,
525 shall be disqualified from holding any office, be disenfranchised,
526 and incapable of holding or being elected to any post of honor,
527 profit or emolument, civil or military, under the constitution and
528 laws of this state; and the appointment of any such person to
529 office, as also all votes given to any such person, are illegal,
530 and none of the votes given to such person for any office shall be
531 taken or counted.

532 **SECTION 9.** Section 99-19-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
533 brought forward as follows:

534 99-19-37. (1) Any person who has lost the right of suffrage
535 by reason of conviction of crime and has not been pardoned
536 therefrom, who thereafter served honorably in any branch of the
537 Armed Forces of the United States during the periods of World War
538 I or World War II as hereinafter defined and shall have received
539 an honorable discharge, or release therefrom, shall by reason of
540 such honorable service, have the full right of suffrage restored,



541 provided, however, this does not apply to any one having an
542 unfinished or suspended sentence.

543 (2) For the purposes of this section the period of World War
544 I shall be from April 6, 1917 to December 1, 1918, and the period
545 of World War II shall be from December 7, 1941 to December 31,
546 1946.

547 (3) In order to have restored, and to exercise, the right of
548 franchise under the provisions of this section a person affected
549 hereby shall have his discharge, or release, from the Armed Forces
550 of the United States recorded in the office of the chancery clerk
551 of the county in which such person desires to exercise the right
552 of franchise and if such discharge, or release, appears to be an
553 honorable discharge, or release, and shows such person to have
554 served honorably during either of the periods stated in subsection
555 (2) of this section such person shall have the full right of
556 suffrage restored as though an act had been passed by the
557 Legislature in accordance with Section 253 of the Constitution of
558 the State of Mississippi restoring the right of suffrage to such
559 person.

560 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
561 and after July 1, 2025.

