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To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2358
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT BALLOT HARVESTING; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS
2 FOR CERTAIN INSTANCES WHERE BALLOT COLLECTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE
3 BALLOT HARVESTING; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES AS PROVIDED IN SECTION
4 97-13-37 FOR INDIVIDUALS FOUND GUILTY OF IMPROPERLY COLLECTING
5 BALLOTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) A person shall not knowingly collect and
8 transmit a ballot that was mailed to another person, except as
9 follows:

10 (a) An election official while engaged in official
11 duties as authorized by law.

12 (b) An employee of the United States Postal Service
13 while engaged in official duties as authorized by law.

14 (c) Any other individual who is allowed by federal law
15 to collect and transmit United States mail while engaged in
16 official duties as authorized by law.

17 (d) A family member, household member, or caregiver of
18 the person to whom the ballot was mailed.



19 (e) A common carrier that transports goods from one
20 place to another for a fee. No parcel shall contain more than a
21 single ballot.

22 (2) Any violation of this section shall be subject to the
23 penalties of Section 97-13-37.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2023.

