

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



WRIT OF ELECTION

TO THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF LEAKE, NESHOPA AND WINSTON COUNTIES:

A vacancy exists in District 18 of the Mississippi Senate due to the resignation of the Honorable Jenifer B. Branning upon her election to the Mississippi Supreme Court effective January 6, 2025.

Therefore, pursuant to Article 4, Section 77 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 and Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-851, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby issue this Writ of Election, and hereby declare that the special election to fill the vacancy in Senate District 18 as such district existed for the 2023 legislative elections, shall be held on **April 15, 2025**. This special election shall be held and notice thereof shall be given in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-851 and § 23-15-833.

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-851, the qualifying deadline shall be **February 24, 2025**. Candidates shall qualify pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-359(8).

If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the special election, then a runoff election shall be held on **May 13, 2025**, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-833.

All other relevant state laws not in conflict with the terms of this Writ of Election shall further apply.

The Election Commissioners of Leake, Neshoba and Winston Counties shall govern themselves accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 4th day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.



Handwritten signature of Tate Reeves in blue ink.

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Michael Watson in blue ink.

MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE