

TO: Mississippi County Party Executive Committees

- CC: The Mississippi Democratic Party The Mississippi Republican Party County Circuit Clerks
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SUBJECT: Required Elections Training Sessions for County Party Executive Committees

The Secretary of State's Office is committed to the idea that elections are a team effort. No one person should ever have to navigate the process of implementing an election on their own. We strive to see that you are well prepared in serving your constituents and ours.

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-211(4) the Secretary of State's Office will host elections training for the chairperson of each county party executive committees, or his or her designee. The chairperson, or his or her designee, of each county party executive committee is <u>required to attend</u> <u>unless</u> the executive committee enters a contract with the county election commissioners. Our office will issue a certificate of training to all attendees upon completion of this training. The certificate will state the officials' are qualified to conduct the Primary Election in 2022.

Please be advised that, to limit the risk of COVID-19, we are limiting our training to only two (2) people from each executive committee.

Our office will host four (4) total training sessions. The date and location of each training is as follows:

- Tupelo March 1, 2022, from 9:00 AM 3:00 PM ICC Belden Center – 3200 Adams Farm Rd, Belden, MS 38826
- Hattiesburg March 8, 2022, from 9:00 AM 3:00 PM Jackie Sherrill Community Center – 220 W Front St, Hattiesburg, MS 39401
- Indianola March 22, 2022, from 9:00 AM 3:00 PM MDCC Capps Technology Center – 920 US-82, Indianola, MS 38751

 Jackson – March 29, 2022, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Millsaps College – Millsaps College, 1701 N State St, Jackson, MS 39210

These training sessions are provided at no cost to you. However, you will be responsible for bring your own materials <u>found on our website</u>. Lunch will also not be provided.

Please <u>click here to fill out an electronic pre-registration form</u> or follow the <u>link found on our</u> <u>website</u>. Please be sure to register **no later than one (1) week prior to the date of the training**.

If your executive committee is eligible under Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-266 and wishes to avail itself of its responsibilities pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-239(2), 23-15-265(2), 23-15-267(4), 23-15-333(4), 23-15-335(2) or 23-15-597(2), please file a copy of the signed contract with our office **no later than February 22, 2022,** so that we can ensure compliance and communicate with the proper officials.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the information below. We look forward to working with you all.

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