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• **PETITION FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE** •
TO AMEND THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION

TO THE HONORABLE DELBERT HOSEMANN, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

We, the undersigned citizens and qualified electors of the State of Mississippi, respectfully direct that this petition and the proposed measure known as **Initiative Measure No. 33**, entitled Should persons, contractors or employees receiving public funds be required to pass drug tests and be citizens or legal residents?, a full, true and correct copy of which is printed or attached to this petition, be transmitted to the Legislature of the State of Mississippi at its next ensuing regular session, and we respectfully petition the Legislature to adopt the proposed measure; and each of us for himself or herself says: *"I have personally signed this petition, I am a qualified elector of the State of Mississippi in the city (or town), county, and congressional district written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated and I have knowingly signed this petition only once."*

Ballot Summary

Initiative #33 would amend the Mississippi Constitution to require that persons receiving public assistance, as well as state contractors, subcontractors and state employees, must undergo random drug testing. Failing two drug tests results in loss of benefits. Persons not currently receiving public assistance must pass drug testing before receiving benefits. This initiative also requires that persons residing in the state illegally are prohibited from receiving public assistance or a state salary of any kind.

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INITIATIVE MEASURE NUMBER 33

This proposed initiative measure would amend the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 by creating a new section to read as follows:

Any Mississippi citizen age fourteen (14) and above filing for or currently receiving state public assistance, including but not limited to Welfare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Women Infants Children program, Public Housing, Children's Health Insurance Program shall be required to pass a minimum of one (1) random, annual drug screening, either in the form of a urine test, or the most economically and technologically advanced method available. The drug screen will be a standard 5-panel test that includes adulterant testing and medical review officer conformation. Donor selection shall be done at random with no prior notice given.

This screening also applies to those receiving state compensation in the form of a contract, sub-contract or employee status, as well as those hired by contract or subcontract agreements.

Failure to pass said drug screening shall result in six (6) random drug screens over a one year period. Automatic cessation of benefits shall commence immediately upon failure of a second drug screening.

Additional drug screening shall be imposed if activities or behaviors warrant, as deemed by a chancery court judge, law enforcement officer or case manager. This program shall be self-funded by the benefits and salaries of the recipients of the public assistance and state contracts.

Every person enrolled and receiving the aforementioned benefits shall be subjected to drug screenings within sixty (60) days of the passage of this initiative or lose their benefits and anyone who is not already receiving benefits at the time of the passage of this initiative, but who subsequently applies for and is awarded said benefits, shall first be required to pass a drug screen as part of their application process before their benefits may be awarded. The Mississippi Department of Human Services shall be the designated state agency responsible for overseeing said drug screenings required by this initiative.

The State of Mississippi shall contract with local drug screening companies on a bid basis to accomplish the drug screenings required by this initiative. The Mississippi Department of Human Services will be the lead agency responsible for implementing these initiative changes.

Upon filing for benefits and at the time of drug screening, a birth certificate and picture identification shall be produced to prove citizenship in accordance with the laws governing United States citizenship.

No public assistance or State salary of any kind shall be received by anyone either residing in the state illegally or not in full compliance with the federal and state laws governing legal citizenship and residence.

This amendment recognizes that public assistance is a privilege and not a right.

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