By: Representative Saucier

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 569

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-41-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE ONLY METHOD FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT OF LANDS TO 3 BE SOLD FOR THE NONPAYMENT OF AD VALOREM TAXES SHALL BE TO LIST 4 SUCH PROPERTY IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY THE NAME OF THE PROPERTY 5 OWNER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 7 SECTION 1. Section 27-41-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 8 amended as follows:

27-41-55. Except as otherwise provided in Section 27-41-2, 9 after the fifth day of August in each year hereafter, the tax 10 collector shall advertise all lands in his county on which all the 11 taxes due and in arrears have not been paid, as provided by law, 12 13 as well as all land which is liable to sale for the other taxes 14 which have matured, as required by law, for sale at the door of the courthouse of his county or any place within the courthouse 15 that the tax collector deems suitable to hold such sale, provided 16 that the place of such sale shall be designated by the tax 17 collector in the advertisement of the notice of tax sale on the 18 last Monday of August. Such advertisement shall be inserted for 19 two (2) weeks in some newspaper published in the county, if there 20 21 be one, but in counties having two (2) court districts the lands shall be advertised and sold in the district in which such lands 2.2 23 are situated and put up at the courthouse door thereof, and shall contain a list of the lands to be sold in alphabetical order by 24 owner * * *, in substance as follows: 25

26Name of Division ofTown-State County Total27OwnerSectionSection shipRangeTaxTax

H. B. No. 569 99\HR03\R392 PAGE 1 * * * Land in cities and towns shall be described in the advertisement as it is described on the assessment roll. Errors in alphabetical * * * order in the published or posted list of lands to be sold shall not invalidate any sale made pursuant to such notice.

In addition to the foregoing provisions, and at the option of the tax collector, advertisement for the sale of such county lands may be made after the fifteenth day of February in each year with the sale of such lands to be held on the first Monday of April in each year, and all of the provisions which relate to the tax sale held in August of each year shall apply thereto.

39 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from 40 and after July 1, 1999.