

By: Representative McInnis

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 595

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CERTAIN CAMERAS IN THE COURTS
2 OF THIS STATE; TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. No television camera, videocamera or other camera
6 which records motion pictures and records sound shall be permitted
7 in any court in the state for the purposes of recording any
8 judicial proceedings. Any person who violates the provisions of
9 this section shall be removed from the court and the tape used for
10 recording shall be confiscated by the court. In addition, such
11 person who violates this section, upon conviction, shall be
12 subject to a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars
13 (\$1,000.00). The provisions of this section shall not apply to
14 cameras which produce still pictures and have no audio recording
15 or to the use of video equipment in the presentation of evidence.

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