

By: Representative McInnis

To: Public Buildings,
Grounds and Lands

HOUSE BILL NO. 635

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 29-5-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROHIBIT THE CAPITOL PRESS CORPS FROM OCCUPYING CERTAIN OFFICE
3 SPACE IN THE NEW CAPITOL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 29-5-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 29-5-3. The several rooms and apartments of the New Capitol
8 shall not be occupied by any other persons nor for any other
9 purpose than as expressly authorized by the Legislature; provided,
10 however, that it shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide
11 office space in the New Capitol for any state department, officer
12 or employee where it is provided by law that the department,
13 officer or employee shall have an office in the State Capitol.

14 From and after July 1, 1999, any space on the fourth floor of
15 the New Capitol previously occupied by the Capitol Press Corps
16 shall be vacated by such press corps and shall be reassigned by
17 the appropriate committees of the Mississippi House of
18 Representatives and the Mississippi Senate for use as offices for
19 legislative members. For the purposes of this section, the
20 Capitol Press Corps means those reporters or journalists employed
21 by a newspaper to report on the legislative process and who have
22 permanent offices located on the fourth floor of the New Capitol.

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