

By: Representative Ford

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 656

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-11-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR THE EXCEPTION FROM LOCAL JURISDICTION FOR
3 STATE GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 99-11-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 reenacted and amended as follows:

7 99-11-3. (1) The local jurisdiction of all offenses, unless
8 otherwise provided by law, shall be in the county where committed.
9 But, if on the trial the evidence makes it doubtful in which of
10 several counties, including that in which the indictment or
11 affidavit alleges the offense was committed, such doubt shall not
12 avail to procure the acquittal of the defendant.

13 (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall
14 not apply to indictments returned by a state grand jury. The
15 venue of trials for indictments returned by a state grand jury
16 shall be as provided by the State Grand Jury Act. This subsection
17 shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2000.

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