

By: Senator(s) Hall

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2027

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT IF A LEGAL HOLIDAY FALLS ON A SATURDAY, THE FRIDAY  
3 BEFORE SHALL BE A LEGAL HOLIDAY; TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-97,  
4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 3-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 3-3-7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)  
9 of this section, the following are declared to be legal holidays,  
10 viz: the first day of January (New Year's Day); the third Monday  
11 of January (Robert E. Lee's birthday and Dr. Martin Luther King,  
12 Jr.'s birthday); the third Monday of February (Washington's  
13 birthday); the last Monday of April (Confederate Memorial Day);  
14 the last Monday of May (National Memorial Day and Jefferson Davis'  
15 birthday); the fourth day of July (Independence Day); the first  
16 Monday of September (Labor Day); the eleventh day of November  
17 (Armistice or Veterans' Day); the day fixed by proclamation by the  
18 Governor of Mississippi as a day of Thanksgiving, which shall be  
19 fixed to correspond to the date proclaimed by the President of the  
20 United States (Thanksgiving Day); and the twenty-fifth day of  
21 December (Christmas Day). If a legal holiday falls on Saturday,  
22 the Friday before shall be a legal holiday and if a legal  
23 holiday \* \* \* falls on Sunday, \* \* \* the \* \* \* following Monday  
24 shall be a legal holiday.

25 (2) In lieu of any one (1) legal holiday provided for in  
26 subsection (1) of this section, with the exception of the third  
27 Monday in January (Robert E. Lee's and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s,

28 birthday), the governing authorities of any municipality or county  
29 may declare, by order spread upon its minutes, Mardi Gras Day or  
30 any one (1) other day during the year, to be a legal holiday.

31 (3) August 16 is declared to be Elvis Aron Presley Day in  
32 recognition and appreciation of Elvis Aron Presley's many  
33 contributions, international recognition and the rich legacy left  
34 to us by Elvis Aron Presley. This day shall be a day of  
35 recognition and observation and shall not be recognized as a legal  
36 holiday.

37 (4) May 8 is declared to be Hernando de Soto Day in  
38 recognition, observation and commemoration of Hernando de Soto,  
39 who led the first and most imposing expedition ever made by  
40 Europeans into the wilds of North America and the State of  
41 Mississippi, and in further recognition of the Spanish explorer's  
42 187-day journey from the Tombigbee River basin on our state's  
43 eastern boundary, westward to the place of discovery of the  
44 Mississippi River on May 8, 1541. This day shall be a day of  
45 commemoration, recognition and observation of Hernando de Soto and  
46 European exploration and shall not be recognized as a legal  
47 holiday.

48 (5) Insofar as possible, Armistice Day shall be observed by  
49 appropriate exercises in all the public schools in the State of  
50 Mississippi at the eleventh hour in the morning of the eleventh  
51 day of the eleventh month of the year.

52 SECTION 2. Section 25-1-97, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
53 amended as follows:

54 25-1-97. The Department of Finance and Administration is  
55 hereby authorized and empowered to fix the hours for the opening  
56 and closing of public offices of the state commensurate with the  
57 seasons of the year. The business hours of all of the state  
58 public offices, departments, boards, commissions and agencies  
59 shall be uniform, and the offices shall be open for business eight  
60 (8) hours per day Monday through Friday of each week except state  
61 holidays \* \* \*. Nothing contained in this section shall be  
62 construed to prohibit any office, department, board, commission or  
63 agency to conduct essential business outside of the regular  
64 business day hours when the executive head or governing body deems

65 it necessary. \* \* \*

66 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
67 and after its passage.