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To: Judiciary A

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1078

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT STATE AGENCIES FROM EMPLOYING ANY PERSON,  
2 FIRM, CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION OR UTILIZING ANY EMPLOYEES OF  
3 SUCH AGENCIES WHO ARE PAID WITH PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
4 ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE THE ACT OR VOTE OF ANY MEMBER OF THE  
5 LEGISLATURE OR TO PROMOTE, ADVOCATE, AMEND OR OPPOSE ANY MATTER  
6 BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE OR EITHER HOUSE OR ANY COMMITTEE THEREOF;  
7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. (1) Except as otherwise permitted under Sections  
10 5-8-1 through 5-8-23, no agency, department, board, commission,  
11 bureau or other instrumentality of the state which receives  
12 appropriations from the Legislature shall expend any public funds  
13 to employ any person, firm, corporation or association or utilize  
14 any employees of such agency, department, board, commission,  
15 bureau or other instrumentality of the state whose salaries are  
16 paid by public funds for the purpose of attempting at any time to:  
17 (a) influence in any manner the act or vote of any member of the  
18 Legislature of this state upon any legislative measure; or (b)  
19 promote, advocate, amend or oppose in any manner, any matter  
20 pending or that might come before the Legislature of this state,  
21 or either house thereof, or a committee of the Legislature of this  
22 state or of either house thereof.

23 (2) For the purposes of this section, a person, firm,  
24 corporation or association shall be considered employed whether  
25 paid on a fee basis, a contractual arrangement, a retainer  
26 agreement, a regular salary basis or whether any additional or  
27 different compensation is paid for performing any of the functions  
28 described in subsection (1) of this section and whether or not any

29 of such functions are performed on a full- or part-time basis.

30 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
31 and after July 1, 2000.