

By: Montgomery (15th) (By Request)

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1136

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE POEM ENTITLED, "MY MISSISSIPPI," AS
2 THE STATE POEM OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 SECTION 1. The following poem, entitled "My Mississippi" and
5 written by Nancy Logan Cossey, is hereby designated the state poem
6 of Mississippi:

7 **My Mississippi**

8 I live in Mississippi, the great Magnolia state
9 I live in Mississippi, because the state is great
10 It's southern fried chicken, and sweet potato pie
11 I live in Mississippi, Let me tell you why
12 It's full of lots of mystery and sleepy little towns
13 All day singings and dinner on the ground
14 It's azaleas in the springtime and pecans in the Fall
15 It's Sunday morning church, good neighbors out on call
16 It's William Faulkner, Oprah Winfrey, Jerry Clower and Marcel
17 It's a history lesson for John Grisham to tell
18 It's Elvis Presley, B.B. King, and Charley Pride
19 Pickin' and a grinnin' in good ole southern stride
20 It's the Choctaw Indians and Huckleberry Finn
21 Mighty steamboats comin' yonder round the bend
22 It's moonlight and magnolias, blackberries on the vine
23 It's watermelon under a shade tree in the lazy summertime
24 It's poke salad, turnip greens, purple hulls, and potatoes
25 Butterbeans, collars, onions, and fried green tomatoes
26 It's working in the garden, choppin' with a hoe

27 It's worth all the effort to make things grow
28 It's okra, cornbread, fat back, teacakes by the dozens
29 Grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles, and cousins
30 It's good ole home cookin' and front porch swings
31 It's coming to the table when the dinner bell rings
32 It's shrimp, crappie, catfish, and bass
33 "Is this paradise?" a fisherman might ask
34 It's hunting deer, dove, turkey and quail
35 It's watching the coondogs catch em' by the tail
36 It's my Mississippi, the best state in the South
37 It's God's country, "shut my mouth"
38 It's crocked letters and humpbacks and it ends in an I
39 It's my Mississippi can you see why?
40 I love my Mississippi don't you see
41 I love my Mississippi it will always be

42 **My Mississippi**

43 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
44 and after its passage.