

By: Dickerson, Browning, Robertson, Mettetal To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2675

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIME OF FALSE REPORTING OF A CRIME AND  
2 PRESCRIBE PENALTIES THEREFOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to report a  
5 crime or any element of a crime to any law enforcement officer or  
6 any officer of any court or any other official responsible for  
7 receiving reports of crime, by any means, knowing that such report  
8 is false. Any violation of this section where the falsely  
9 reported crime would have been a misdemeanor, shall be punishable  
10 as a misdemeanor by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed  
11 six (6) months or by fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars  
12 (\$1,000.00), or both. Any violation of this section where the  
13 falsely reported crime would have been a felony, shall be  
14 punishable as a felony, by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary  
15 for no more than three (3) years or by fine not to exceed Five  
16 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

17 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall be codified as  
18 Section 97-35-47, Mississippi Code of 1972.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
20 and after July 1, 2000.