

By: Mettetal, Moffatt, Gollott, Canon, Lee, Stogner, Browning, White (29th), Dickerson To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2697
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE SECTION 97-35-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CRIMINALIZE THE FALSE REPORTING OF A CRIME; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. The following section shall be codified as

6 Section 97-35-47, Mississippi Code of 1972:

7 97-35-47. It shall be unlawful for any person to report a
8 crime or any element of a crime to any law enforcement or any
9 officer of any court, by any means, knowing that such report is
10 false. A violation of this section shall be punishable by
11 imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one (1) year or by
12 fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both. In
13 addition to any fine and imprisonment, and upon proper showing
14 made to the court, the defendant shall be ordered to pay as
15 restitution to the law enforcement agency reimbursement for any
16 reasonable costs directly related to the investigation of the
17 falsely reported crime and the prosecution of any person convicted
18 under this section.

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