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To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2743  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-21-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR FRAUDULENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY A NOTARY  
3 WHEN CONVICTED OF FORGERY THEREFOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 97-21-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:[CSQ1]

7 97-21-33. Persons convicted of forgery shall be punished by  
8 imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of not less than two  
9 (2) years nor more than fifteen (15) years; provided, however,  
10 that when the amount of value involved is less than one hundred  
11 dollars (\$100.00) in lieu of the punishment above provided for,  
12 the person convicted may be punished by imprisonment in the county  
13 jail for a term of not more than twelve (12) months, within the  
14 discretion of the court; provided further, that when the  
15 conviction is for fraudulent acknowledgment by a notary public,  
16 the sentence shall be for imprisonment in the penitentiary for a  
17 term of not more than three (3) years.

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