

By: Senator(s) Minor

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2515

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-5-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PERSONS REQUIRED TO STAND AS SPECIAL  
3 BAIL WHEN NO OR INSUFFICIENT BOND IS TAKEN; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 99-5-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 99-5-19. If any sheriff, chief of police or any other person  
9 authorized to release a criminal defendant, other than a judge in  
10 open court, neglects to take a bail bond, or if the bail bond from  
11 any cause is insufficient at the time he took and approved the  
12 same, on exceptions taken and filed before the close of the next  
13 term, after the same should have been returned, and upon  
14 reasonable notice thereof to the sheriff, chief of police or other  
15 person, he shall stand as special bail, and judgment shall be  
16 rendered against him as such, except when bond is tendered by a  
17 fidelity or insurance company or professional bail agent or its  
18 bail agent authorized by Mississippi state license to act as bail  
19 surety. The sheriff, chief of police or other person taking and  
20 approving a bail bond from a fidelity or insurance company or  
21 professional bail agent or its bail agent with a valid Mississippi  
22 state license shall bear no financial liability on the bail bond  
23 in the event of a bail bond forfeiture or default.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
25 and after July 1, 2001.