

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2992

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ALLOW THE USE OF TELESCOPIC SIGHTS ON PRIMITIVE FIREARMS; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 49-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-37. (1) Any resident of this state licensed to
8 hunt * * * any legal game bird or game animal in this state * * *
9 with * * * firearms, may hunt * * * game animals or game birds
10 with falcons or hawks as may be prescribed by the commission and
11 in compliance with federal guidelines.

12 (2) The commission may extend the special archery seasons on
13 any public hunting projects, game refuges or prescribed areas
14 having surplus deer populations.

15 (3) The killing by primitive firearms of an antlerless deer
16 or any other deer protected during the regular deer season is
17 prohibited, but the commission may designate areas of the state in
18 which the killing of antlerless deer may be permitted or limited.

19 (4) The commission may make reasonable rules and regulations
20 concerning the special seasons with falcons and hawks, bow and
21 arrow and primitive firearms * * *. The commission shall define
22 the term "primitive firearm" for purposes of this section and
23 other law or regulation. Telescopic sights may be used with a
24 primitive firearm.

25 (5) The use of dogs shall be prohibited for hunting deer
26 during any of the special hunting seasons.

27 (6) In addition to a hunting license allowing the taking of
28 deer, any resident who hunts deer with bow and arrow or primitive
29 firearm, during the special seasons, shall purchase a special
30 resident archery and/or primitive firearms license at a fee of
31 Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00) for each license plus the fee provided
32 in Section 49-7-17.

33 (7) Any person violating this section is guilty of a Class
34 II violation and shall be punished as provided in Section
35 49-7-143.

36 (8) All seasons provided for herein shall begin on Saturday.

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