

By: Representative Eads

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 267
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-5-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF IDENTIFYING THE RACE OF PARTIES TO A
3 DIVORCE IN THE COMPLAINT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 93-5-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 93-5-33. All complaints for divorce shall name the parties
8 to the suit, when married, and the number and names of the living
9 minor children born of the marriage. It shall be the duty of each
10 chancery clerk in the state to make a report of each divorce
11 granted in his county; and on forms furnished by the State Board
12 of Health, to show the following information, as correctly as he
13 is able to make such report: Names of parties; * * * when
14 married; state of residence; children under eighteen (18) in this
15 family as of date couple last resided in same household; custody
16 of children; and the page and book in which judgment is recorded.
17 He shall certify to the said report and affix thereunto his seal,
18 and he shall forward it to the State Board of Health within ten
19 (10) days after adjournment of each term of court in his county.
20 For his services in preparing and forwarding said records to the
21 State Board of Health he shall receive the sum of Thirty-five
22 Cents (35¢) for each completed record, to be taxed to costs in
23 each divorce case as other fees are taxed.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2003.

