

By: Representative Watson

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1569

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-3-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ALLOW ANY OFFICIAL WHO IS DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE COPIES OF THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT CASES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO  
4 DECLINE RECEIPT OF THE COPIES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-3-13 AND  
5 7-3-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES IN  
6 STATUTES PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE SOUTHERN  
7 REPORTER-MISSISSIPPI CASES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-3-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 9-3-45. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to  
12 contract for the purchase of and to purchase not more than four  
13 hundred (400) copies of the official Mississippi edition of the  
14 decisions of the Supreme Court and advance sheets with headnotes.  
15 The Supreme Court shall, when approved by the Chief Justice,  
16 certify the account therefor to the State Fiscal Officer, who  
17 thereupon shall issue his warrant upon the State Treasury for the  
18 amounts so specified. Of these copies, the Secretary of State  
19 shall deliver, if so requested, a copy to each circuit judge, each  
20 chancellor, each district attorney, and each county attorney, each  
21 county judge, each Supreme Court judge, the Attorney General and  
22 each assistant, and to all others heretofore or hereafter  
23 authorized by law to receive same. Before delivery of the copies,  
24 the Secretary of State shall first have stamped thereon as  
25 follows: "Property of the State of Mississippi for the use of the  
26 \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial District," and his successors in office; and  
27 he shall place an appropriately similar stamp on each copy  
28 delivered to the other court officers mentioned in this section.



29           The contractor shall have exclusive sale of all reports  
30 published under this section, including the advance sheets with  
31 headnotes, but the contract shall provide that the permanent  
32 volumes of the Mississippi Reports shall not sell, within the  
33 state, for a greater price than that approved by the Chief  
34 Justice. The contractor shall mail directly to each circuit  
35 judge, each chancellor, each district attorney, and each county  
36 attorney the advance sheets at the same time they are mailed out  
37 to other subscribers within the state.

38           **SECTION 2.** Section 7-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
39 amended as follows:

40           7-3-13. The Secretary of State shall cause ten (10) copies  
41 of each volume of the "Southern Reporter-Mississippi Cases" and  
42 ten (10) copies of the department reports \* \* \* to be provided to  
43 the State Library.

44           **SECTION 3.** Section 7-3-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
45 amended as follows:

46           7-3-15. The Secretary of State shall transmit, free of cost,  
47 one (1) copy of each volume of "Southern Reporter-Mississippi  
48 Cases" to the sheriff of each county of the state, for the county  
49 library; one (1) copy of each volume thereof to each of the  
50 following educational institutions \* \* \*: Mississippi State  
51 University, Alcorn State University, Mississippi University for  
52 Women, Mississippi College School of Law, Delta State University,  
53 Jackson State University, Mississippi Valley State University, and  
54 the University of Southern Mississippi; ten (10) copies of each  
55 volume thereof to the University of Mississippi; and one (1) copy  
56 of each volume to the Library of Congress at Washington, D.C.

57           The above provisions of this section are made in recognition  
58 of benefits received through receipt at depository libraries and  
59 elsewhere in the State of Mississippi of public documents of the  
60 United States under the provisions of federal and state laws.



61           **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
62 and after July 1, 2002.

