

By: Senator(s) Williamson

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2405

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 11-1-67, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR AND RESTRICT THE CONTRACTUAL WAIVER OF  
3 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section  
6 11-1-67, Mississippi Code of 1972:

7 11-1-67. The contractual waiver of the constitutional right  
8 to trial by jury must be knowing, intelligent, and voluntary by  
9 all parties. It must be specifically limited to the subject  
10 matter of the contract. A general waiver is void. The burden of  
11 proof is on the party asserting the waiver of the constitutional  
12 right to trial by jury.

13 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
14 and after July 1, 2002.

