

By: Senator(s) Michel

To: Judiciary

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2551

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-19-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO CLARIFY THAT THE BAD CHECK LAW APPLIES TO CHECKS GIVEN IN  
3 PAYMENT OF RENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-19-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 97-19-55. It shall be unlawful for any person with  
8 fraudulent intent:

9 (a) To make, draw, issue, utter or deliver any check,  
10 draft or order for the payment of money drawn on any bank,  
11 corporation, firm or person, \* \* \* knowing at the time of making,  
12 drawing, issuing, uttering or delivering said check, draft or  
13 order that the maker or drawer has not sufficient funds in or on  
14 deposit with such bank, corporation, firm or person for the  
15 payment of such check, draft or order in full, and all other  
16 checks, drafts or orders upon such funds then outstanding;

17 (b) To close an account without leaving sufficient  
18 funds to cover all outstanding checks written on such account.

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

