

By: Senator(s) Turner

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2777

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-3-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ALLOW RECIPIENTS OF THE MISSISSIPPI EDITION OF SUPREME COURT
3 DECISIONS TO OPT OUT OF RECEIVING BOUND COPIES; TO AMEND SECTION
4 7-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY WHEN BOUND VOLUMES
5 ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE STATE LIBRARY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-15,
6 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY 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 and it shall, when approved by the Chief Justice, certify, the
16 account therefor to the Auditor of Public Accounts, who thereupon
17 shall issue his warrant upon the State Treasury for the amounts so
18 specified; and of these the Secretary of State shall deliver, if
19 requested, a copy to each circuit judge, each chancellor, each
20 district attorney, and each county attorney, each county judge,
21 each Supreme Court judge, the Attorney General and each assistant,
22 and to all others heretofore or hereafter authorized by law to
23 receive same, first having stamped thereon as follows: "Property
24 of the State of Mississippi for the use of the Judicial District,"
25 and his successors in office; and he shall place an appropriately
26 similar stamp on each copy delivered to the other court officers
27 mentioned in this section.

28 The contractor shall have exclusive sale of all reports
29 published under this section, including the advance sheets with



30 headnotes, but the contract shall provide that the permanent
31 volumes of the Mississippi Reports shall not sell, within the
32 state, for a greater price than that approved by the Chief
33 Justice. The contractor shall mail directly to each circuit
34 judge, each chancellor, each district attorney, and each county
35 attorney the advance sheets, if requested, at the same time they
36 are mailed out to other subscribers within the state.

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

39 7-3-13. The Secretary of State shall cause ten (10) copies
40 of each volume of the "Southern Reporter-Mississippi Cases" and
41 ten (10) copies of the department reports * * * to be provided to
42 the State Library.

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

45 7-3-15. The Secretary of State shall transmit, free of cost,
46 one (1) copy of each volume of "Southern Reporter-Mississippi
47 Cases" to the sheriff of each county of the state, for the county
48 library; one (1) copy of each volume thereof to each of the
49 following educational institutions, to wit: Mississippi State
50 University, Alcorn State University, Mississippi University for
51 Women, Mississippi College School of Law, Delta State University,
52 Jackson State University, Mississippi Valley State University, and
53 the University of Southern Mississippi; ten (10) copies of each
54 volume thereof to the University of Mississippi; and one (1) copy
55 of each volume to the Library of Congress at Washington, D.C.

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

60 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
61 and after its passage.

