SENATE BILL NO. 2777

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-3-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW RECIPIENTS OF THE MISSISSIPPI EDITION OF SUPREME COURT DECISIONS TO OPT OUT OF RECEIVING BOUND COPIES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY WHEN BOUND VOLUMES ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE STATE LIBRARY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY DISTRIBUTION OF THE SOUTHERN REPORTER-MISSISSIPPI CASES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9-3-45. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to contract for the purchase of and to purchase not more than four hundred (400) copies of the official Mississippi edition of the decisions of the Supreme Court and advance sheets with headnotes, and it shall, when approved by the Chief Justice, certify, the account therefor to the Auditor of Public Accounts, who thereupon shall issue his warrant upon the State Treasury for the amounts so specified; and of these the Secretary of State shall deliver, if requested, a copy to each circuit judge, each chancellor, each district attorney, and each county attorney, each county judge, each Supreme Court judge, the Attorney General and each assistant, and to all others heretofore or hereafter authorized by law to receive same, first having stamped thereon as follows: "Property of the State of Mississippi for the use of the Judicial District," and his successors in office; and he shall place an appropriately similar stamp on each copy delivered to the other court officers mentioned in this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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