

By: Representative Cameron

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 334

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE STATE TAX COMMISSION MAY
3 EXAMINE INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN THREE YEARS
4 FROM THE RETURN DUE DATE OR THE DATE A RETURN WAS FILED; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-7-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 27-7-49. (1) Returns shall be examined by the commissioner
10 or his duly authorized agents within three (3) years from the due
11 date or the date the return was filed, whichever is later, and no
12 determination of a tax overpayment or deficiency shall be made by
13 the commissioner, and no suit shall be filed with respect to
14 income within the period covered by such return, after the
15 expiration of said three-year period, except as hereinafter
16 provided.

17 (2) When an examination of a return made under this article
18 has been commenced, and the taxpayer notified thereof, either by
19 certified mail or personal delivery by an agent of the
20 commissioner, within the three-year examination period provided in
21 subsection (1) of this section, the determination of the correct
22 tax liability may be made by the commissioner after the expiration
23 of said three-year examination period, provided that said
24 determination shall be made with reasonable promptness and
25 diligence.

26 (3) Where the reported taxable income of a taxpayer has been
27 increased or decreased by the Internal Revenue Service, the
28 three-year examination period provided in subsection (1) of this



section shall not be applicable, insofar as the Mississippi income tax liability is affected by the specific changes made by said Internal Revenue Service. However, no additional assessment or no refund shall be made under the provisions of this article after three (3) years from the date the Internal Revenue Service disposes of the tax liability in question.

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(4) A taxpayer may apply to the commissioner for revision of any return filed under this article at any time within three (3) years from the due date, or if an extension of time to file was granted, three (3) years from the date the return was filed. If the return is not filed by the time authorized by the extension, then the three (3) years begin to run from the final day of the extension period.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for taxes due or accrued under the income tax laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, whether such claims, assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter; and the provisions of the income tax laws are expressly continued in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of the assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to comply with such laws.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2003.

