

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 428

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-35-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR FALSE REPORTING OF A CRIME; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-35-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 97-35-47. It shall be unlawful for any person to report a
8 crime or any element of a crime to any law enforcement or any
9 officer of any court, by any means, knowing that such report is
10 false. A violation of this section shall be punishable by
11 imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one (1) year or by a
12 fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than
13 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), or both. In addition to
14 any fine and imprisonment, and upon proper showing made to the
15 court, the defendant shall be ordered to pay as restitution to the
16 law enforcement agency reimbursement for any reasonable costs
17 directly related to the investigation of the falsely reported
18 crime and the prosecution of any person convicted under this
19 section.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 2003.

