

By: Representative Davis

To: Universities and
Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 478

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, MISSISSIPPI
2 STATE UNIVERSITY, THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI AND
3 JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY TO PLAY FOOTBALL AGAINST EACH OTHER ON A
4 ROTATING BASIS SO THAT EACH UNIVERSITY PLAYS THE OTHERS EVERY
5 THREE YEARS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions
8 of Higher Learning shall require the University of Mississippi,
9 Mississippi State University, the University of Southern
10 Mississippi and Jackson State University to each compete in
11 football against another university named in this section every
12 year, beginning in the 2003 season. The games between these
13 universities shall rotate triennially so that each year during a
14 cycle of three (3) consecutive years, each school will compete
15 against a university other than the universities against which the
16 school competed during the preceding two (2) seasons.

17 (2) This section may not be construed to prohibit the
18 University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, the
19 University of Southern Mississippi and Jackson State University
20 from competing against more than one (1) other university named in
21 this section during the same year.

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

