

By: Representative Ford

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1111  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1-1-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE ONE ADDITIONAL SET OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE TO THE  
3 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 1-1-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 1-1-11. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this  
8 section, the Joint Committee on Compilation, Revision and  
9 Publication of Legislation shall distribute or provide for the  
10 distribution of the sets of the compilation of the Mississippi  
11 Code of 1972 purchased by the state as follows:

12 Fifty-seven (57) sets to the Mississippi House of  
13 Representatives and forty (40) sets to the Mississippi Senate for  
14 the use of the Legislative Reference Bureau, Legislative Services  
15 Offices, staffs and committees thereof.

16 Ten (10) sets to the Governor's Office; nine (9) sets to the  
17 Secretary of State; and twenty (20) sets to the Auditor's Office.

18 One (1) set to each of the following: the Lieutenant  
19 Governor; each member of the Legislature; the Treasurer; each  
20 district attorney; each county attorney; each judge of the Court  
21 of Appeals and each judge of the Supreme, circuit, chancery,  
22 county, family, justice and municipal courts; each Mississippi  
23 Senator and Mississippi Representative in Congress; State  
24 Superintendent of Education; Director of the Department of Finance  
25 and Administration; six (6) sets to the Performance Evaluation and  
26 Expenditure Review (PEER) Committee, three (3) sets to the  
27 Director of the Legislative Budget Office; the Commissioner of



28 Agriculture and Commerce; each Mississippi Transportation  
29 Commissioner; six (6) sets to the Department of Corrections; the  
30 Insurance Commissioner; the Clerk of the Supreme Court; the State  
31 Board of Health; each circuit clerk; each chancery clerk in the  
32 state for the use of the chancery clerk and the board of  
33 supervisors; each sheriff in the state for the use of his office  
34 and the county officers; and each county for the county library  
35 (and an additional set shall be given to each circuit clerk,  
36 chancery clerk, sheriff and county library in counties having two  
37 (2) judicial districts).

38 Two (2) sets to the Department of Archives and History; two  
39 (2) sets to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission;  
40 sixty-eight (68) sets to the Attorney General's Office; six (6)  
41 sets to the Public Service Commission; four (4) sets to the Public  
42 Utilities Staff; thirty-six (36) sets to the State Tax Commission;  
43 two (2) sets to the State Personnel Board; six (6) sets to the  
44 State Law Library; one (1) set to the Library of Congress; ten  
45 (10) sets to the University of Mississippi Law School; one (1) set  
46 each to the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi  
47 School for the Blind; one (1) set each to the University of  
48 Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University  
49 for Women, University of Southern Mississippi, Delta State  
50 University, Alcorn State University, Jackson State University,  
51 Mississippi Valley State University, and the Board of Trustees of  
52 State Institutions of Higher Learning; and one (1) set to the  
53 Supreme Court judges' conference room. In furtherance of the  
54 State Library's reciprocal program of code exchange with libraries  
55 of the several states, the joint committee shall, at the direction  
56 and only upon the written request of the State Librarian,  
57 distribute or provide for the distribution of sets of the code to  
58 such libraries.

59 One (1) set to each state junior or community college; three  
60 (3) sets to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; two



61 (2) sets to the Department of Environmental Quality; two (2) sets  
62 to the Department of Marine Resources; two (2) sets to the  
63 Mississippi Ethics Commission; six (6) sets to the Mississippi  
64 Workers' Compensation Commission; four (4) sets to the State  
65 Department of Rehabilitation Services; and seven (7) sets to the  
66 Department of Human Services. One (1) set to each of the  
67 following: State Textbook Procurement Commission; University  
68 Medical Center; State Library Commission; Department of  
69 Agriculture and Commerce; Forestry Commission; and seventeen (17)  
70 sets to the Department of Public Safety. Also, one (1) set to  
71 each of the following: Adjutant General, Department of Economic  
72 and Community Development, Department of Banking and Consumer  
73 Finance, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management,  
74 the State Educational Finance Commission, the Mississippi Board of  
75 Vocational and Technical Education, Division of Medicaid, State  
76 Board of Mental Health, and Department of Youth Services.

77 The joint committee is authorized to distribute or provide  
78 for the distribution of additional sets of the Mississippi Code,  
79 not to exceed three (3) sets, to the office of each district  
80 attorney for the use of his assistants.

81 The joint committee shall provide to the Mississippi House of  
82 Representatives and the Mississippi Senate the annual supplements  
83 to the Mississippi Code of 1972 for each set of the code  
84 maintained by the House and Senate.

85 The set of the Mississippi Code of 1972 to be provided to  
86 each member of the Legislature shall be provided unless  
87 specifically waived by such legislator in writing.

88 An elected or appointed officeholder in the State of  
89 Mississippi, except for a member of the Legislature, shall deliver  
90 to his successor in office, or to the joint committee if there is  
91 no successor, the set of the Mississippi Code of 1972 provided the  
92 officeholder under this section.



93           Before the joint committee delivers or provides for delivery  
94 of a copy of the Mississippi Code of 1972 to an individual  
95 officeholder, the joint committee shall prepare and submit a  
96 written agreement to the officeholder. The agreement shall, among  
97 other provisions, state that the code is the property of the State  
98 of Mississippi, that it shall be transferred to the officeholder's  
99 successor in office, that the officeholder has an obligation to  
100 make such transfer and that the officeholder shall be responsible  
101 for the failure to deliver the code and for any damage or  
102 destruction to the code, normal wear and tear excepted. The joint  
103 committee shall execute the agreement and forward it to the  
104 officeholder for execution. The joint committee shall not deliver  
105 or provide for delivery of the code to the officeholder until the  
106 executed agreement is received by the committee. The joint  
107 committee may include in the agreement such other provisions as it  
108 may deem reasonable and necessary. In addition to damages or any  
109 other remedy for not transferring a set of the code to his  
110 successor, an officeholder who does not transfer his set of the  
111 code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction,  
112 pay a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Upon request of  
113 the joint committee, the Attorney General shall assist the joint  
114 committee in taking such actions as necessary to require an  
115 officeholder to transfer the set of code provided under this  
116 section to his successor, or to the joint committee if there is no  
117 successor, and to recover reimbursement or damages from any  
118 officeholder for the loss of or damage or destruction to any  
119 volumes of the set of the code provided under this section, other  
120 than normal wear and tear.

121           Replacement of missing, damaged or destroyed sets or volumes  
122 of the code provided by this chapter may be obtained from the code  
123 publisher through the joint committee at the established state  
124 cost, the cost to be borne by the recipient.



125           No more than one (1) set of the Mississippi Code of 1972  
126 shall be furnished to any one (1) individual, regardless of the  
127 office or offices he may hold.

128           (2) The joint committee, in its discretion, may determine  
129 whether electronic access to the Mississippi Code of 1972 is  
130 available and a sufficient substitute for actual bound volumes of  
131 the code and, if so, may omit furnishing any one or more sets  
132 otherwise required by this section.

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

