MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Senator(s) Minor

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2076

1 AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION PROPERTY OWNED BY A 2 NOT-FOR-PROFIT FOUNDATION PROVIDING CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND 3 FUNDING FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO THE POOR, FOR PROJECTS TO IMPROVE 4 THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE TRIAL AND 5 APPELLATE COURTS AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES AND PURPOSES; AND FOR 6 RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: SECTION 1. All real and personal property, except motor 8 vehicles, owned by a not-for-profit foundation providing 9 10 charitable contributions and funding for legal services to the poor, for projects to improve the administration of justice, for 11 assistance to the trial and appellate courts and similar 12 activities and purposes, shall be exempt from all ad valorem 13 taxation. Such property shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation 14 regardless of whether the foundation shares the property with any 15 other organization or entity. 16

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any 17 claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for 18 taxes due or accrued under the ad valorem tax laws before the date 19 20 on which this act becomes effective, whether such claims, assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the 21 date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter; 22 and the provisions of the ad valorem tax laws are expressly 23 continued in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of 24 the assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes 25 due or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws 26 27 before the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to 28 29 comply with such laws.

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30 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 31 and after January 1, 2003.