

By: Senator(s) Frazier

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2483

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT NOTICE OF FUNDRAISING FUNCTIONS TO
2 BENEFIT MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE DURING REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE
3 LEGISLATURE BE FILED WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO PROHIBIT A
4 LEGISLATOR FROM BENEFITING FROM A FUNDRAISING FUNCTION UNLESS THE
5 REQUIRED NOTICE HAS BEEN FILED;; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) (a) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph
8 (ii) of this paragraph (a), no fundraising function shall be held
9 during a legislative session for or by a legislator unless written
10 notice of the function has been filed with the Ethics Commission
11 not less than thirty (30) days prior to the function. If the
12 deadline for the notice falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or other
13 legal holiday, the notice required by this paragraph (a) shall be
14 extended until the first day after the Saturday, Sunday, or other
15 legal holiday.

16 (ii) No fundraising function shall be held for or
17 by a legislator during a session of the Legislature called
18 pursuant to Section 121 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890
19 unless written notice of the function has been given to the Ethics
20 Commission not less than two (2) days after the issuance of the
21 proclamation calling the special session. If the deadline for the
22 notice falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or other legal holiday, the
23 notice required by this paragraph (b) shall be extended until the
24 first day after the Saturday, Sunday, or other legal holiday.

25 (b) A lobbyist, for himself or his principal, shall not
26 offer or provide to a legislator, the legislator's campaign
27 committee or any person on the legislator's behalf any campaign
28 contribution or loan resulting from a fundraising function held



29 during a legislative session unless the lobbyist complies with the
30 provisions of this subsection (1).

31 (c) No legislator shall solicit or receive any campaign
32 contribution or loan for himself or his campaign committee from a
33 lobbyist or any representative of a lobbyist during a legislative
34 session except as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection
35 (1).

36 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) of this
37 section, no lobbyist shall make any campaign contribution or loan
38 to the campaign of any member of the Legislature during any
39 regular or special session of the Legislature.

40 (3) For purposes of this section, the term "lobbyist" shall
41 have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 5-8-3.

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

