Adopted SUBSTITUTE 1 FOR AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 1457

By Senator(s) Blackmon

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

- 8 SECTION 1. Section 65-7-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 9 amended as follows:
- 10 65-7-201. When any person shall desire to have a private
- 11 road laid out through the land of another, when necessary for
- 12 ingress and egress, he shall apply by petition, stating the facts
- 13 and reasons, to the county court of a county that has elected to
- 14 come under the provisions of Section 9-9-1, and otherwise, to the
- 15 <u>circuit court</u> of the county <u>where the land is located</u>. The court
- 16 <u>sitting without a jury shall</u> determine the reasonableness of the
- 17 application. The owner of the property shall be a necessary party
- 18 to the proceedings. If the court finds in favor of the
- 19 petitioner, the same proceedings shall be had thereon as in the
- 20 case of a public road; but <u>all</u> damages <u>that the jury determines</u>
- 21 that the landowner should be compensated for shall be assessed
- 22 <u>against and</u> shall be paid by the person applying for the private
- 23 road, and he shall pay all the costs and expenses incurred in the
- 24 proceedings.
- 25 **SECTION 2**. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 26 and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and

inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-7-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT PROCEEDINGS TO ESTABLISH A PRIVATE WAY OF NECESSITY THROUGH THE LANDS OF ANOTHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING INGRESS AND EGRESS SHALL BE FILED WITH AND DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY OR CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE LAND IS LOCATED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.