

By: Representatives Howell, Whittington

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 300

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL'S *HILL*
2 *FIRE* AS THE FOLK PLAY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** WHEREAS, *Hill Fire*, a folk play that is sponsored
6 by the Montgomery County Arts Council, is an innovative play that
7 has revitalized Montgomery County and surrounding areas through
8 story-telling and the arts; and

9 WHEREAS, despite an economic down-turn, due to the closings
10 of textile and small manufacturing firms in the Montgomery County
11 area, *Hill Fire* has united the community by preserving local
12 history by using local stories and bringing them to life in the
13 theater; and

14 WHEREAS, *Hill Fire* represents the renewal of community
15 spirit, economic development and inspiring folk art throughout the
16 state;

17 NOW THEREFORE, Montgomery County Arts Council's *Hill Fire* is
18 designated the state folk play.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
20 and after July 1, 2004.