

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee

To: Rules

SENATE BILL NO. 2043

1 AN ACT ADOPTING "MISSISSIPPI SONG" BY JIM WEATHERLY AS THE
2 OFFICIAL STATE SONG; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

3 WHEREAS, the promotion of the best interests of the State of
4 Mississippi requires that the state have an officially recognized
5 state song which will instill pride in all Mississippians; and

6 WHEREAS, the present official song, "Go, Mississippi," which
7 was adopted by the Legislature in House Concurrent Resolution No.
8 67 (1962 Regular Session), has served its purpose but is not now
9 representative of the quickening pace of the development of the
10 State of Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to recognize the words and
12 music of "Mississippi Song" as the official song of the State of
13 Mississippi; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

15 **SECTION 1.** (1) The lyrics and music in the song entitled
16 "Mississippi Song" by Jim Weatherly is hereby designated as the
17 official song of the State of Mississippi.

18 (2) The Division of Tourism of the Department of Economic
19 and Community Development, all other agencies of the state and all
20 persons, firms or organizations interested in promoting the
21 welfare of the State of Mississippi are specifically authorized
22 and empowered to make use of the state song, "Mississippi Song,"
23 in promoting and advancing the State of Mississippi and its
24 citizens.

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