

By: Senator(s) Ross

To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2212

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 11-11-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO ALLOW CHANGE OR TRANSFER OF VENUE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF  
3 PARTIES AND WITNESSES OR IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following provision shall be codified as

7 Section 11-11-18, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 11-11-18. (1) With respect to civil actions filed in an  
9 appropriate venue where venue is not otherwise designated or  
10 limited by statute, the court shall, for the convenience of  
11 parties and witnesses or in the interest of justice, transfer any  
12 civil action or any claim in any civil action to any court in  
13 which the action might have been properly filed and the case shall  
14 proceed as though originally filed therein.

15 (2) The right of a party to move for a change or transfer of  
16 venue pursuant to this section is cumulative and in addition to  
17 the rights of a party to move for a change or transfer of venue  
18 pursuant to any other statute or the Mississippi Rules of Civil  
19 Procedure.

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