

By: Senator(s) Doxey

To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2290

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE PERIOD OF IMPRISONMENT UPON CONVICTION FOR MURDER; AND  
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 97-3-21. (1) Every person who shall be convicted of murder  
8 shall be sentenced by the court to imprisonment for life in the  
9 State Penitentiary or such lesser term as the court may determine,  
10 but not less than twenty-five (25) years.

11 (2) Every person who shall be convicted of capital murder  
12 shall be sentenced (a) to death; (b) to imprisonment for life in  
13 the State Penitentiary without parole; or (c) to imprisonment for  
14 life in the State Penitentiary with eligibility for parole as  
15 provided in Section 47-7-3(1)(f).

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