

By: Senator(s) Walls

To: Rules

SENATE BILL NO. 2323

1 AN ACT ADOPTING "MY HOME MISSISSIPPI" BY DELMA FURNISS AS THE
2 OFFICIAL STATE SONG; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

3 WHEREAS, Mississippi presently has an official state song,
4 "Go, Mississippi" by Houston Davis, which was adopted by the
5 Legislature in House Concurrent Resolution No. 67 (1962 Regular
6 Session), which is a great song for special occasions and specific
7 events; however, it is not a song with lyrics and melody that lend
8 themselves for Mississippians to sing at informal gatherings and
9 by Mississippians individually as they go about their daily lives;
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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to provide Mississippians
12 with an official state song whereby Mississippians will have a
13 song appropriate for all occasions, events and daily activities;
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15 WHEREAS, the Legislature further desires to recognize the
16 words and music of "My Home Mississippi" as the official song of
17 the State of Mississippi; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

19 **SECTION 1.** (1) The lyrics and music in the song entitled
20 "My Home Mississippi" by Delma Furniss, set to the music of a 19th
21 Century American folk song, are hereby designated as the official
22 song of the State of Mississippi.

23 (2) The Division of Tourism of the Mississippi Development
24 Authority, all other agencies of the state and all persons, firms
25 or organizations interested in promoting the welfare of the State
26 of Mississippi are hereby encouraged to make use of the state song

27 "My Home Mississippi" in promoting and advancing the State of
28 Mississippi and its citizens.

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