

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Nunnelee, Brown

To: Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2485

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-89, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROHIBIT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FROM BEING A
3 CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE WHILE EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT; TO
4 PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROHIBITION; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-89, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 47-5-89. (1) If any officer or employee of the state or
10 county government, or any employee of the state correctional
11 system, or any other person shall solicit or accept from any
12 employee of the state correctional system, or from any offender
13 therein, any contribution of money or other property for political
14 or election purposes he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on
15 conviction shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars
16 (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or
17 imprisoned in the county jail not less than sixty (60) days nor
18 longer than one hundred twenty (120) days, or both, and if an
19 employee of the state correctional system he shall be immediately
20 and permanently removed from further employment with the state
21 correctional system.

22 (2) No employee or member of the department may be a
23 candidate for public office during his term of employment with the
24 department. A violation of this subsection is a misdemeanor and
25 is punishable as provided in subsection (1).

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