

By: Representative Warren

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 743

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-11-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 EXTEND THE REPEALER ON VENUE REGARDING INDICTMENTS RETURNED BY THE  
3 STATE GRAND JURY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 99-11-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 99-11-3. (1) The local jurisdiction of all offenses, unless  
8 otherwise provided by law, shall be in the county where committed.  
9 But, if on the trial the evidence makes it doubtful in which of  
10 several counties, including that in which the indictment or  
11 affidavit alleges the offense was committed, such doubt shall not  
12 avail to procure the acquittal of the defendant.

13 (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall  
14 not apply to indictments returned by a state grand jury. The  
15 venue of trials for indictments returned by a state grand jury  
16 shall be as provided by the State Grand Jury Act. This subsection  
17 shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2007.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
19 and after July 1, 2005.