

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 84

BY: Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 99-17-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 99-17-9. In criminal cases the presence of the prisoner may
8 be waived * * * (a) if the defendant is in custody and consenting
9 thereto, or * * * (b) is on recognizance or bail, has been
10 arrested and escaped, or has been notified in writing by the
11 proper officer of the pendency of the indictment against him, and
12 resisted or fled, or refused to be taken, or is in any way in
13 default for nonappearance, the trial may progress at the
14 discretion of the court, and judgment made final and
15 sentence * * * awarded as though such defendant were personally
16 present in court.

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