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SENATE BILL NO. 2384

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-33-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT DWELLING HOUSES LOCATED IN THE COUNTIES OF THE
3 STATE COVERED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION OF MAJOR DISASTER
4 DATED AUGUST 29, 2005, THAT ARE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED AS A RESULT
5 OF HURRICANE KATRINA SO THAT THE FAMILY GROUP IS COMPELLED TO
6 TEMPORARILY RESIDE IN ANOTHER PLACE SHALL CONTINUE TO BE A HOME
7 UNDER THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION LAWS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS; AND
8 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 SECTION 1. Section 27-33-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 [Through December 31, 2007, this section shall read as
13 follows:]

14 27-33-29. In the event a dwelling house, eligible for
15 exemption under this article, is destroyed by fire, flood, storm,
16 or other unavoidable cause, or is demolished or being repaired, so
17 that the family group is compelled to temporarily reside in
18 another place, it shall continue as a home for a period of one
19 year after such occurrence; however, a dwelling house located in
20 any of the counties of the state covered by the Presidential
21 Declaration of Major Disaster for the State of Mississippi
22 (FEMA-1604-DR) dated August 29, 2005, that was destroyed as a
23 result of Hurricane Katrina, or is demolished or being repaired as
24 a result of damage sustained as a result of Hurricane Katrina so
25 that the family group is compelled to temporarily reside in
26 another place, shall continue as a home for a period of two (2)
27 years after such occurrence.

28 [From and after January 1, 2008, this section shall read as
29 follows:]

30 27-33-29. In the event a dwelling house, eligible for
31 exemption under this article, is destroyed by fire, flood, storm,
32 or other unavoidable cause, or is demolished or being repaired, so
33 that the family group is compelled to temporarily reside in
34 another place, it shall continue as a home for a period of one (1)
35 year after such occurrence.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after its passage.