

By: Senator(s) Tollison, Carmichael, Jackson To: Rules
(11th)

SENATE BILL NO. 2657

1 AN ACT TO ADOPT "MISS THE MISSISSIPPI AND YOU" BY JIMMY
2 RODGERS AS THE OFFICIAL STATE COUNTRY MUSIC SONG AND "CROSSROADS"
3 BY ROBERT JOHNSON AS THE OFFICIAL STATE BLUES SONG; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) The lyrics and music in the song entitled
7 "Miss the Mississippi and You" by Jimmy Rodgers (the Father of
8 Country Music) is hereby designated as the official Country Music
9 Song of the State of Mississippi.

10 (2) The lyrics and music in the song entitled "Crossroads"
11 by early bluesman Robert Johnson (who sold his soul to the devil
12 to play the Blues) is hereby designated as the official Blues Song
13 of the State of Mississippi.

14 (3) The Division of Tourism of the Mississippi Development
15 Authority, all other agencies of the state and all persons, firms
16 or organizations interested in promoting the welfare of the State
17 of Mississippi are specifically authorized and empowered to make
18 use of the official Country Music Song and the official Blues Song
19 in promoting and advancing the State of Mississippi and its
20 citizens.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2006.