House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2269

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

- 6 <u>SECTION 1.</u> The Administrative Office of Courts shall study 7 the need for the use of interpreters in all courts in the State of
- 8 Mississippi. In conducting the study, the Administrative Office
- 9 of Courts shall examine the use of interpreters throughout the
- 10 nation with an emphasis on the laws and programs in contiguous
- 11 states, the necessary funding to provide a workable interpreter
- 12 program and any other information necessary to provide a program
- 13 which will guarantee the administration of fair and impartial
- 14 justice involving persons who cannot understand English well
- 15 enough to participate fully in judicial proceedings and to assist
- 16 counsel. The Administrative Office of Courts shall submit its
- 17 recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2006.
- 18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 19 and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS TO STUDY THE NEED FOR THE USE OF INTERPRETERS IN JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

3 IN THE STATE; TO REQUIRE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR

4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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