

By: Representative Baker (74th)

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 175

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT JUDGES FROM RESTRICTING OR ATTEMPTING TO
2 RESTRICT THE EXERCISE OF FREE SPEECH; TO PROVIDE FINES FOR
3 VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** It is unlawful for a judge of any court of this
6 state to restrict or attempt to restrict the exercise of free
7 speech as guaranteed by the United States Constitution. Any judge
8 who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a
9 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined an amount not to
10 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

11 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
12 and after July 1, 2007.

