

By: Representatives Hines, Mayo

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 589

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-5-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE BAIL BONDS TO BE SECURED BY AN INSURANCE COMPANY; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 99-5-5. All bonds and recognizances taken for the appearance
8 of any party, either as defendant, prosecutor, or witness in any
9 criminal proceeding or matter, shall be made payable to the state,
10 shall be secured by an insurance company and shall have the effect
11 to bind the accused and his sureties on the bond or recognizance
12 until the principal shall be discharged by due course of law, and
13 shall be in full force, from term to term, for a period of three
14 (3) years, except that a bond returnable to the Supreme Court
15 shall be in full force for a period of five (5) years. If it is
16 necessary to renew a bond, it shall be renewed without additional
17 premium. At the end of the applicable period, a bond or
18 recognizance that is not renewed shall expire and shall be
19 uncollectible unless the collection process was started on or
20 before the expiration date of such bond or recognizance. Any bond
21 or recognizance taken prior to July 1, 1996, shall expire on July
22 1, 1999. If a defendant is charged with multiple counts in one
23 (1) warrant only one (1) bond shall be taken.

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