

By: Representative Franks

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 710

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-23-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY THE OFFENSE OF EMBEZZLEMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-23-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
5 amended as follows:

6 97-23-19. If any person shall embezzle or fraudulently
7 secrete, conceal, or convert to his own use, or make way with, or
8 secrete with intent to embezzle or convert to his own use, any
9 goods, rights in action, money, or other valuable security,
10 effects, or property of any kind or description which shall have
11 come or been entrusted to his care or possession by virtue of his
12 office, position, place, or employment, either in mass or
13 otherwise, with a value of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more,
14 he shall be guilty of felony embezzlement, and, upon conviction
15 thereof, shall be imprisoned in the custody of the Department of
16 Corrections not more than ten (10) years, or fined not more than
17 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both. If the value of such
18 goods, rights in action, money or other valuable security,
19 effects, or property of any kind is less than Five Hundred Dollars
20 (\$500.00), he shall be guilty of misdemeanor embezzlement, and,
21 upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in the county jail
22 not more than six (6) months, or fined not more than One Thousand
23 Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

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