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To: Judiciary A

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 807

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIME OF DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS UNDER  
2 COLOR OF LAW AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR COMMITTING SUCH CRIME;  
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Any person who, under color of any law, statute,  
6 ordinance, regulation or custom willfully subjects any person to  
7 the deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities secured or  
8 protected by the Constitution or laws of the State of Mississippi  
9 or Constitution or laws of the United States, or to different  
10 punishments, pains or penalties, on account of such person being  
11 an alien or by reason of his color or race, or by reason of his  
12 religious beliefs or sexual orientation, than are prescribed for  
13 punishment of citizens, shall be fined not more than One Thousand  
14 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned in the county jail not more than  
15 one (1) year, or both.

16 If bodily injury results from the acts committed in violation  
17 of this section or if such acts include the use, attempted use or  
18 threatened use of a dangerous weapon, explosives or fire, then in  
19 such case the penalty shall be imprisonment in the State  
20 Penitentiary for a term not more than ten (10) years and a fine of  
21 not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

22 If death results from the acts committed in violation of this  
23 section or if such acts include kidnapping, an attempt to kidnap,  
24 sexual battery, rape, an attempt to commit sexual battery, an  
25 attempt to commit rape or an attempt to kill, then the penalty  
26 shall be imprisonment for life in the State Penitentiary without  
27 parole.

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