

By: Senator(s) Doxey

To: Corrections

SENATE BILL NO. 2580

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-181, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY PLACEMENT OF AN OFFENDER IN THE PRERELEASE PROGRAM; TO
3 AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONS TO APPOINT A DESIGNEE TO
4 APPROVE PLACEMENT IN THE PRERELEASE PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-181, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 47-5-181. (1) The Department of Corrections is authorized
10 to convert four (4) community work centers to prerelease centers.
11 The department shall convert the community work centers as
12 follows: one (1) center in the northern part of the state, two
13 (2) centers in the central part of the state, and one (1) center
14 in the southern part of the state.

15 (2) The department may place any inmate in a prerelease
16 center if: (a) the inmate is within one (1) year of his earliest
17 release date, and (b) the inmate is approved for placement by the
18 classification hearing officer and the commissioner, or his
19 designee.

20 (3) The department shall notify, by certified mail, each
21 member of the board of supervisors of the county in which the
22 center is located of the department's intent to convert the
23 community work center to a prerelease center. The board of
24 supervisors shall have thirty (30) days after the date of the
25 mailing to disapprove the conversion of the center. If the board
26 of supervisors disapproves of the prerelease center, the
27 department shall not convert the community work center.

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