

By: Representative Blackmon

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1108
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE SECTION 97-9-116, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCLUDE BRIBING A JUDGE IN OFFENSES AFFECTING JUSTICE; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
6 97-9-116, Mississippi Code of 1972:

7 97-9-116. (1) A person commits the crime of bribing a judge
8 if he intentionally or knowingly offers, confers or agrees to
9 confer any benefit upon a judge with the intent that the judge's
10 decision, vote, recommendation or other exercise of official
11 discretion in a judicial or administrative proceeding will thereby
12 be influenced.

13 (2) Bribing a judge is a felony punishable by imprisonment
14 for not less than five (5) years nor more than twenty (20) years
15 and by a fine three (3) times the amount of the bribe but in no
16 case less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

17 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
18 and after July 1, 2008.

