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To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2704

1 AN ACT TO DEFINE CRITERIA FOR CITIZENSHIP IN THE STATE OF
2 MISSISSIPPI; TO CLARIFY THAT THE STATUS OF CITIZENSHIP IN
3 MISSISSIPPI SHALL NOT CONFER ANY RIGHT, PRIVILEGE, IMMUNITY OR
4 BENEFIT UNDER LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) A person is a citizen of the State of
7 Mississippi if:

8 (a) The person is born in the United States and subject
9 to the jurisdiction thereof; and

10 (b) The person is a resident of the State of
11 Mississippi, as defined by the decisions of the Mississippi
12 Supreme Court.

13 (2) For the purposes of this statute, "subject to the
14 jurisdiction of the United States" has the meaning that it bears
15 in Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States
16 Constitution, namely that the person is a child of at least one
17 (1) parent who owes no allegiance to any foreign sovereignty, or a
18 child without citizenship or nationality in any foreign country.
19 For the purposes of this statute, a person who owes no allegiance
20 to any foreign sovereignty is a United States citizen or national,
21 or an immigrant accorded the privilege of residing permanently in
22 the United States, or a person without citizenship or nationality
23 in any foreign country.

24 (3) In addition to the criteria of citizenship described
25 under subsections (1) and (2), a person is a citizen of the State
26 of Mississippi if:

27 (a) The person is naturalized in the United States; and



28 (b) The person is a resident of the State of
29 Mississippi, as defined by the decisions of the Mississippi
30 Supreme Court.

31 (4) Citizenship of the State of Mississippi shall not confer
32 upon the holder thereof any right, privilege, immunity or benefit
33 under law.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2011.

