

By: Representatives Smith (39th), Arnold,  
Brown (20th), Ladner, Baker

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 177  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE APPLICATION OF FOREIGN LAWS IN JUDICIAL  
2 PROCEEDINGS IN THIS STATE; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO PROHIBIT THE USE  
3 AND ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN LAW UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO  
4 PROVIDE FOR APPLICABILITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) In this section, "foreign law" means any  
8 law, rule, legal code or legal system other than the constitution,  
9 laws and ratified treaties of the United States and the  
10 territories of the United States, the constitution and laws of  
11 another state of the United States, Native American tribal law,  
12 the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, and the laws of this state.

13 (2) A court, arbitrator, administrative agency or other  
14 adjudicative, mediation or enforcement authority shall not enforce  
15 a foreign law if doing so would violate a right guaranteed to a  
16 natural person by the United States Constitution or the  
17 Mississippi Constitution of 1890.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
19 and after July 1, 2015.

