

By: Representative Boyd

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1309

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CLARIFY THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING FROM THE MOMENT OF FERTILIZATION,
3 THEREOF, IS A PERSON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 1-3-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 1-3-39. The term "person," when used in any statute, shall
8 apply to artificial as well as natural persons, and shall include
9 every human being from the moment of fertilization; and when used
10 to designate the party whose property may be the subject of
11 offense, shall include the United States, this state, or any other
12 state, territory, or country, and any county, city, town or
13 village which may lawfully own property in this state; also all
14 public and private corporations, as well as individuals.

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

