

By: Representative Foster

To: Rules

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE RULES COMMITTEE OF
3 THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATE REQUIRING THE COMMITTEES, MEETING AS
4 A JOINT COMMITTEE, AUTHORIZING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR CERTAIN
5 SPACE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE NEW CAPITOL BUILDING, AND
6 AUTHORIZING REALLOCATION OF THE SPACE IF NO ACCEPTABLE PAYMENT IS
7 RECEIVED.

8 WHEREAS, Sections 29-5-2 and 29-5-3, Mississippi Code of
9 1972, give the Legislature the exclusive authority to allocate
10 office space in the New Capitol Building, by providing that the
11 assignment of space in the New Capitol Building shall be
12 designated by resolution of the combined House Management
13 Committee and Senate Rules Committee, meeting as a joint
14 committee; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2001, a joint resolution of the House Management
16 Committee and the Senate Rules Committee was adopted during a
17 joint committee meeting to allocate space in the New Capitol
18 Building for use by the Senate, the House of Representatives, the
19 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State and
20 certain other personnel; and



21 WHEREAS, in the joint resolution, a portion of the space on
22 the fourth floor was allocated to the press for use by the press;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, no compensation or competitive bidding was required,
25 authorized or mentioned in relation to the space allocated to the
26 press in the joint resolution; and

27 WHEREAS, since 2001, only certain news media have been given
28 the privilege of using office space without charge to the news
29 media; and

30 WHEREAS, to create a fair environment for all news media to
31 compete to use office space in the New Capitol, to resolve
32 inadequacies in office space for legislators and staff, the
33 October 1, 2001, Joint Resolution is amended to require the House
34 Management Committee and the Senate Rules Committee to offer
35 competitive bidding prices to the news media, for purposes of
36 determining whether the news media may lease the office space
37 allocated to the press; and to authorize the House Management
38 Committee and the Senate Rules Committee to reallocate the space
39 on the fourth floor for another use or purpose, if the House
40 Management Committee and the Senate Rules Committee do not receive
41 an acceptable bid from the news media for the space:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE MANAGEMENT
43 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE IN JOINT MEETING, That
44 the space on the fourth floor that is now allocated to the press
45 shall be competitively bid for purposes of determining who may



46 lease the office space allocated to the press, and that the space
47 may be reallocated for another use or purpose by the House
48 Management Committee and the Senate Rules Committee if no
49 acceptable bid for that space from the news media is received.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
51 transmitted to the press.

52 ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND SENATE RULES
53 COMMITTEE, MEETING JOINTLY, ON _____, 2017.

