

By: Representatives Anderson, Clarke

To: Judiciary B; Workforce Development

HOUSE BILL NO. 596

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-9-149, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT PERSONS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT IN STATE SERVICE, OR
3 PERSONS EMPLOYED IN STATE SERVICE, FROM BEING DISCRIMINATED
4 AGAINST ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY; TO
5 AMEND SECTION 97-29-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO
6 THE PRECEDING SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-9-149, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 25-9-149. It is the intent of the Legislature that no person
11 seeking employment in state service, as defined in Section
12 25-9-107, * * * or employed in state service, as defined in
13 Section 25-9-107, * * * shall be discriminated against on the
14 basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual
15 orientation, gender identity or handicap. This section shall be
16 exempt from the provisions of Sections 11-62-1 through 11-62-19.

17 **SECTION 2.** Section 97-29-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
18 amended as follows:

19 97-29-59. Every person who shall be convicted of the
20 detestable and abominable crime against nature committed * * *



21 with a beast, shall be punished by imprisonment in the
22 Penitentiary for a term of not more than ten (10) years.

23 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 2018.

