

By: Representative Henley

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 598

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-1-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF COMPARATIVE APPRAISALS USED BY A  
3 PUBLIC BODY TO THE PROPERTY OWNER WHOSE PROPERTY IS TAKEN BY  
4 EMINENT DOMAIN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 31-1-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 31-1-27. (1) Appraisal information in the possession of a  
9 public body, as defined by paragraph (a) of Section 25-61-3,  
10 except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, which  
11 concern the sale or purchase of real or personal property for  
12 public purposes prior to public announcement of the purchase or  
13 sale, where the release of such records would have a detrimental  
14 effect on such sale or purchase, shall be exempt from the  
15 provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

16 (2) The comparative appraisals used by a public body to  
17 determine the price offered for private property taken by eminent  
18 domain by a public body shall be made available to the property  
19 owner.



20           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
21 and after July 1, 2018.

