

By: Representative Banks

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 610

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT JURY CONSULTANTS FROM CONTACTING POTENTIAL
2 JURORS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for a jury consultant or any
6 person who is employed by a jury consultant to contact any
7 potential jurors from a list that has been prepared to select a
8 jury in any court in this state. Any person who violates the
9 provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,
10 upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than One
11 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail
12 for not more than six (6) months, or both. For the purposes of
13 this section, the term "jury consultant" means a person who
14 assists attorneys in the research and selection of jurors and
15 provides insight into juror behavior during trials.

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

