

By: Representative Banks

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 677

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE STATE CRIME OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM; TO
2 DEFINE "DOMESTIC TERRORISM"; TO REQUIRE LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR
3 PERSONS CONVICTED OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) It is unlawful for any person to plan, carry
6 out or attempt to carry out an act of domestic terrorism in this
7 state. "Domestic terrorism" means an activity that:

8 (a) Involves an act dangerous to human life which is a
9 violation of the criminal laws of this state;

10 (b) Appears to be intended:

11 (i) To intimidate or coerce a civilian population;

12 (ii) To influence the policy of the federal, state
13 or a local government by intimidation or coercion; or

14 (iii) To affect the conduct of the federal, state
15 or a local government by mass destruction, assassination or
16 kidnapping; and

17 (c) Occurs primarily within the territorial
18 jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi.



19 (2) A person convicted of a violation of this section is
20 guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be sentenced by the
21 court to imprisonment for life in the custody of the Mississippi
22 Department of Corrections.

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

