

By: Representative Gibbs (72nd)

To: Tourism

HOUSE BILL NO. 984

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 3-3-63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO DESIGNATE "MISSISSIPPI BEAUTIFUL" AS THE OFFICIAL STATE
3 SONG; TO REPEAL CHAPTER 654, LAWS OF 1962, WHICH DESIGNATED "GO
4 MISSISSIPPI" AS THE OFFICIAL STATE SONG; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 WHEREAS, the promotion of the best interests of the State of
7 Mississippi requires that the state have an officially recognized
8 state song that will instill pride in all Mississippians and that
9 will give rise to positive connotations in the minds of all who
10 sing or hear the official song; and

11 WHEREAS, the present official state song has served its
12 purpose, but is not representative of the quickening pace of the
13 development of the State of Mississippi; and

14 WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to recognize as the official
15 state song of the State of Mississippi, the lyrics and music of
16 "Mississippi Beautiful," written by Pam Confer, which are:

17 **Verse I**

18 Who are we?

19 What do we stand for?



20 Who are we?
21 Nothing remains the same
22 For we know
23 Even the seasons change
24 Mississippi, who are we?
25 Who are we?
26 How do we claim it?
27 Who are we?
28 We're faces of joy and pain
29 For we know
30 We're more than just a name
31 Mississippi, who are we?

32 **Chorus**

33 I know, you're beautiful, you're beautiful
34 The more that you believe that
35 You're beautiful, you're beautiful
36 That more that you can see that
37 You're beautiful, you're beautiful
38 The moment you believe that
39 You're beautiful, you're beautiful
40 The moment you can see

41 **Verse II**

42 Who are we?
43 How are we living?
44 Who are we?



45 Our legacy is now
46 For we know
47 Our strength, our pride, our power
48 Mississippi, who are we?
49 Who are we?
50 Let's tell our children
51 Who are we?
52 That this is their song to sing
53 For we know
54 That they can do anything
55 Mississippi, who are we?

56 **Chorus**

57 I know, we're beautiful, we're beautiful
58 The more that we believe that
59 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
60 That more that we can see that
61 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
62 The moment we believe that
63 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
64 The moment we can see

65 **Interlude**

66 If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be
67 If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be
68 If you believe, just believe, only believe

69 **Verse III**



70 Who are we?
71 Let's take each moment
72 Who are we?
73 To touch and lift our fellow man
74 For we know
75 No one can love quite like we can
76 Mississippi, who are we?

77 Who are we?
78 Let's use our voices
79 Who are we?
80 To sing above our highest fear
81 For we know
82 A smile can find a way to heal
83 Mississippi, who are we?

84 **Chorus**

85 I know, we're beautiful, we're beautiful
86 The more that we believe that
87 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
88 That more that we can see that
89 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
90 The moment we believe that
91 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
92 The moment we can see

93 **Bridge**

94 It's my Mississippi



95 Short or tall, she loves us all
96 It's my Mississippi
97 You're beautiful, you're beautiful
98 It's my Mississippi
99 This is our light, let's shine it bright
100 It's my Mississippi
101 You're beautiful, you're beautiful

102 **Chorus**

103 I know, we're beautiful, we're beautiful
104 The more that we believe that
105 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
106 That more that we can see that
107 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
108 The moment we believe that
109 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
110 The moment we can see

111 **Ending**

112 (If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be)
113 (If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be)
114 If you only believe that
115 The moment you believe
116 We will be free to be
117 NOW, THEREFORE,
118 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:



119 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
120 3-3-63, Mississippi Code of 1972:

121 3-3-63. The lyrics and music to the song "Mississippi
122 Beautiful," written by Pam Confer, are designated as the official
123 song of the State of Mississippi.

124 **SECTION 2.** Chapter 654, Laws of 1962, which designated "Go
125 Mississippi" as the official song of the State of Mississippi, is
126 repealed.

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

