

By: Representatives Johnson (87th), Dixon

To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 1122

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REGULATING CERTAIN
2 AGRICULTURAL OPERATION ACTIVITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this
5 section, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, a local
6 government may not adopt any ordinance, regulation, rule or policy
7 to prohibit, restrict, regulate or otherwise limit activities of
8 an agricultural operation, including:

9 (a) Forestry activity on land that is classified as
10 agricultural land; or

11 (b) Unclassified land where the activity is a
12 traditional farm practice or is regulated and/or developed by the
13 Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Mississippi
14 Department of Agriculture and Commerce or the Mississippi Forestry
15 Commission.

16 (2) For the purposes of this section, the terms
17 "agricultural operation," "forestry activity" and "traditional



18 farm practices" shall be defined as provided in Section
19 95-3-29(2).

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

