

By: Senator(s) Dawkins

To: Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2829

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-33-723, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO EXPAND PROTECTIONS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING; TO AMEND  
3 SECTION 25-9-149, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXPAND PROTECTIONS  
4 AGAINST DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN STATE EMPLOYMENT; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-33-723, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 43-33-723. No person shall be discriminated against because  
10 of race, religious principles, color, sex, national origin,  
11 ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity or handicap by the  
12 corporation, any qualified sponsor, any lender, or any agent or  
13 employee thereof in connection with any housing development or  
14 eligible loan. No person shall be discriminated against because  
15 of age, nor shall any family be discriminated against because of  
16 children, in admission to, or continuance of occupancy in, any  
17 housing project receiving assistance under this act except for any  
18 housing project constructed under a program restricting occupancy



19 to persons sixty-two (62) years of age or older and any directors  
20 of their immediate households or their occupant surviving spouses.

21 **SECTION 2.** Section 25-9-149, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
22 amended as follows:

23 25-9-149. It is the intent of the Legislature that no person  
24 seeking employment in state service, as defined in Section  
25 25-9-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, or employed in state service,  
26 as defined in Section 25-9-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be  
27 discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex,  
28 national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or  
29 handicap.

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

