By: Representatives Currie, Bennett, To: County Affairs Calhoun, Ladner, Watson

HOUSE BILL NO. 1115

- AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 17-3-1 AND 17-3-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE 2 OF 1972, TO LIMIT COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL ADVERTISING OF ACTIVITIES
- 3 IN THE COUNTY TO PUBLICATIONS ADVERTISING TRADE OR BUSINESS
- 4 MEETINGS OR SPONSORSHIPS OF SUCH MEETINGS; AND FOR RELATED
- 5 PURPOSES.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 7 SECTION 1. Section 17-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 8 amended as follows:
- 9 17-3-1. The board of supervisors of any county in
- 10 Mississippi, and the mayor and board of aldermen or board of
- commissioners of any municipality in the State of Mississippi, may 11
- 12 in their discretion, set aside, appropriate and expend * * *
- monies, not to exceed one (1) mill of their respective valuation 13
- 14 and assessment for the purpose of advertising and bringing into
- 15 favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of
- such municipality or county. Such advertising shall be limited to 16
- 17 publications or sponsorships of trade or business meetings held in
- 18 the county.

- 19 **SECTION 2.** Section 17-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 20 amended as follows:
- 21 17-3-3. Advertising pursuant to Section 17-3-1 shall include
- 22 publications, such as newspaper and magazine advertising and
- 23 literature of trade or business meetings, or paid sponsorships of
- 24 the trade or business meetings, * * * which in the judgment of
- 25 such board or boards will be helpful toward advancing the moral,
- 26 financial and other interests of such municipality or county;
- 27 however, such advertising shall not include advertisements in
- 28 publications sponsored by political parties, political committees
- 29 or affiliated organizations, as such terms are defined in Section
- 30 23-15-801.
- 31 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 32 and after July 1, 2019.

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