MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2019

By: Senator(s) Carmichael

To: Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2832

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 17-3-1 AND 17-3-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT ADVERTISING OF COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL RESOURCES SHALL BE LIMITED TO PUBLICATIONS OR SPONSORSHIPS OF TRADE OR BUSINESS MEETINGS HELD IN THE COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED 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
- 11 commissioners of any municipality in the State of Mississippi, may
- 12 in their discretion, set aside, appropriate and expend * * *
- 13 monies, not to exceed one (1) mill of their respective valuation
- 14 and assessment for the purpose of advertising and bringing into
- 15 favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of
- 16 such municipality or county. Such advertising shall be limited to
- 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
- 24 sponsorships of such trade or business meetings, which in the
- 25 judgment of such board or boards will be helpful toward advancing
- 26 the moral, financial and other interests of such municipality or
- 27 county; however, such advertising shall not include advertisements
- 28 in publications sponsored by political parties, political
- 29 committees or affiliated organizations, as such terms are defined
- 30 in Section 23-15-801.
- 31 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 32 and after October 1, 2019.

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