

By: Representative Currie

To: Public Property; Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 223

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 55-15-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
 2 TO PROVIDE THAT ANY STATUES, MONUMENTS, OR MEMORIALS LOCATED ON  
 3 PUBLIC PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE RELOCATED, REMOVED, DISTURBED,  
 4 ALTERED, RENAMED OR REDEDICATED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY  
 5 AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE; TO REMOVE THE EXCEPTION THAT ALLOWS THE  
 6 RELOCATION OF MONUMENTS FOR PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, OR REPAIR;  
 7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 55-15-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
 10 amended as follows:

11 55-15-81. (1) None of the following items, structures or  
 12 areas may be relocated, removed, disturbed, altered, renamed or  
 13 rededicated, unless specifically authorized by an act of the  
 14 Legislature: \* \* \* Statues, monuments, memorials or nameplates  
 15 (plaques), which have been erected on public property of the state  
 16 or any of its political subdivisions, such as local, municipal or  
 17 county owned public areas, and any statues, monuments, memorials,  
 18 nameplates (plaques), schools, streets, bridges, buildings, parks  
 19 preserves, reserves or other public items, structure or areas of  
 20 the state or any of its political subdivisions, such as, local,



21 municipal or county owned public areas, which has been dedicated  
22 in memory of, or named for, any historical \* \* \* figure, \* \* \*  
23 event, or \* \* \* organization \* \* \*.

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25 ( \* \* \*2) This section shall not apply to items, structures  
26 or areas located on property owned or acquired by the Mississippi  
27 Transportation Commission which may interfere with the  
28 construction, maintenance or operation of public transportation  
29 facilities.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
31 and after its passage.

