

By: Representative Anderson (110th)

To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

HOUSE BILL NO. 710

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-9-149, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT PERSONS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT IN STATE SERVICE, OR
3 PERSONS EMPLOYED IN STATE SERVICE, FROM BEING DISCRIMINATED
4 AGAINST ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY; AND
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-9-149, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 25-9-149. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
10 contrary, it is the intent of the Legislature that no person
11 seeking employment in state service, as defined in Section
12 25-9-107, * * * or employed in state service, as defined in
13 Section 25-9-107, * * * shall be discriminated against on the
14 basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age * * *,
15 handicap, sexual orientation or gender identity.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after July 1, 2020.

