

By: Representative Steverson

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1332

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 29-1-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE COLLECTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
3 FOR THE FILING OF A PATENT FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF STATE LAND; AND  
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 29-1-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 29-1-81. (1) All conveyances of land by the state in fee  
9 shall be by patent issued from the Secretary of State's office;  
10 every patent issued shall be under the great seal, signed by the  
11 Secretary of State.

12 (2) (a) The patent shall be issued by the Office of the  
13 Secretary of State and delivered to the patentee. A copy thereof  
14 shall be retained by the Secretary of State among the records of  
15 his office.

16 (b) The Secretary of State may file the original patent  
17 with the chancery clerk and such filing shall constitute the  
18 delivery of the patent to the patentee. Prior to filing the  
19 original patent, the Secretary of State shall collect from the



20 patentee \* \* \* a fee in an amount equal to the fee provided for in  
21 Section 25-7-9(1)(b) to cover the cost of filing the patent.  
22 Failure of the Secretary of State to file the patent shall not  
23 affect its validity.

24 (3) All contracts of sale of public lands shall be issued  
25 from the Secretary of State's office in duplicate; and every  
26 contract issued shall be under the great seal, signed by the  
27 Secretary of State and countersigned by the Governor.

28 (4) No more than one-quarter (1/4) section of land shall be  
29 embraced in the same patent or contract, except as otherwise  
30 provided by law.

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

