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To: Public Property;  
Accountability, Efficiency,  
Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2068

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 55-15-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO DELETE THE AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC GOVERNING ENTITIES TO MOVE  
3 HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 55-15-81. (1) None of the following items, structures or  
7 areas may be relocated, removed, disturbed, altered, renamed or  
8 rededicated: any Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican-American  
9 War, War Between the States, Spanish-American War, World War I,  
10 World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, War in  
11 Iraq or Native American War's statues, monuments, memorials or  
12 nameplates (plaques), which have been erected on public property  
13 of the state or any of its political subdivisions, such as local,  
14 municipal or county owned public areas, and any statues,  
15 monuments, memorials, nameplates (plaques), schools, streets,  
16 bridges, buildings, parks preserves, reserves or other public  
17 items, structure or areas of the state or any of its political  
18 subdivisions, such as, local, municipal or county owned public



19 areas, which has been dedicated in memory of, or named for, any  
20 historical military figure, historical military event, military  
21 organization or military unit.

22 (2) No person may prevent the public body responsible for  
23 maintaining any of the items, structures or areas described above  
24 from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the  
25 protection, preservation, care, repair or restoration of those  
26 items, structures or areas. \* \* \*

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

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

