

By: Senator(s) Bryan

To: Judiciary, Division A;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2419

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1-1-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE DISTRIBUTION OF SETS OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972 IN  
3 ANY FORMAT BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMPILATION, REVISION AND  
4 PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 1-1-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 1-1-11. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this  
9 section, the Joint Committee on Compilation, Revision and  
10 Publication of Legislation shall distribute or provide for the  
11 distribution of the sets of the compilation of the Mississippi  
12 Code of 1972 purchased by the state as follows:

13 Fifty-seven (57) sets to the Mississippi House of  
14 Representatives and forty (40) sets to the Mississippi Senate for  
15 the use of the Legislative Reference Bureau, Legislative Services  
16 Offices, staffs and committees thereof.

17 Ten (10) sets to the Governor's Office; nine (9) sets to the  
18 Secretary of State; and twenty (20) sets to the Auditor's Office.



19           One (1) set to each of the following: the Lieutenant  
20 Governor; each member of the Legislature; the Treasurer; each  
21 district attorney; each county attorney; each judge of the Court  
22 of Appeals and each judge of the Supreme, circuit, chancery,  
23 county, \* \* \* justice and municipal courts; each Mississippi  
24 Senator and Mississippi Representative in Congress; State  
25 Superintendent of Education; Director of the Department of Finance  
26 and Administration; \* \* \* the Commissioner of Agriculture and  
27 Commerce; each Mississippi Transportation Commissioner; \* \* \* the  
28 Insurance Commissioner; the Clerk of the Supreme Court; the State  
29 Board of Health; each circuit clerk; each chancery clerk in the  
30 state for the use of the chancery clerk and the board of  
31 supervisors; each sheriff in the state for the use of his office  
32 and the county officers; and each county for the county library  
33 (and an additional set shall be given to each circuit clerk,  
34 chancery clerk, sheriff and county library in counties having two  
35 (2) judicial districts).

36           Six (6) sets to the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure  
37 Review (PEER) Committee; three (3) sets to the Director of the  
38 Legislative Budget Office; six (6) sets to the Department of  
39 Corrections; two (2) sets to the Department of Archives and  
40 History; two (2) sets to the State Soil and Water Conservation  
41 Commission; sixty-eight (68) sets to the Attorney General's  
42 office; six (6) sets to the Public Service Commission; four (4)  
43 sets to the Public Utilities Staff; thirty-five (35) sets to the



44 Department of Revenue; one (1) set to the Board of Tax Appeals;  
45 two (2) sets to the State Personnel Board; six (6) sets to the  
46 State Law Library; one (1) set to the Library of Congress; ten  
47 (10) sets to the University of Mississippi Law School; one (1) set  
48 each to the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi  
49 School for the Blind; one (1) set each to the University of  
50 Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University  
51 for Women, University of Southern Mississippi, Delta State  
52 University, Alcorn State University, Jackson State University,  
53 Mississippi Valley State University, and the Board of Trustees of  
54 State Institutions of Higher Learning; and one (1) set to the  
55 Supreme Court judges' conference room. In furtherance of the  
56 State Library's reciprocal program of code exchange with libraries  
57 of the several states, the joint committee shall, at the direction  
58 and only upon the written request of the State Librarian,  
59 distribute or provide for the distribution of sets of the code to  
60 such libraries.

61 One (1) set to each state junior or community college; three  
62 (3) sets to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; two  
63 (2) sets to the Department of Environmental Quality; two (2) sets  
64 to the Department of Marine Resources; two (2) sets to the  
65 Mississippi Ethics Commission; six (6) sets to the Mississippi  
66 Workers' Compensation Commission; four (4) sets to the State  
67 Department of Rehabilitation Services; and seven (7) sets to the  
68 Department of Human Services. One (1) set to each of the



69 following: State Textbook Procurement Commission; University  
70 Medical Center; State Library Commission; Department of  
71 Agriculture and Commerce; Forestry Commission; and seventeen (17)  
72 sets to the Department of Public Safety. Also, one (1) set to  
73 each of the following: Adjutant General, Mississippi Development  
74 Authority, Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, Bureau of  
75 Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, the State  
76 Educational Finance Commission, the Mississippi Board of  
77 Vocational and Technical Education, Division of Medicaid, State  
78 Board of Mental Health, and Department of Youth Services.

79 The joint committee is authorized to distribute or provide  
80 for the distribution of additional sets of the Mississippi Code,  
81 not to exceed three (3) sets, to the office of each district  
82 attorney for the use of his assistants.

83 The joint committee shall provide to the Mississippi House of  
84 Representatives and the Mississippi Senate the annual supplements  
85 to the Mississippi Code of 1972 for each set of the code  
86 maintained by the House and Senate.

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88 An elected or appointed officeholder in the State of  
89 Mississippi, except for a member of the Legislature, shall deliver  
90 to his successor in office, or to the joint committee if there is  
91 no successor, the set of the Mississippi Code of 1972 provided the  
92 officeholder under this section.



93           Before the joint committee delivers or provides for delivery  
94 of a copy of the Mississippi Code of 1972 to an individual  
95 officeholder, the joint committee shall prepare and submit a  
96 written agreement to the officeholder. The agreement shall, among  
97 other provisions, state that the code is the property of the State  
98 of Mississippi, that it shall be transferred to the officeholder's  
99 successor in office, that the officeholder has an obligation to  
100 make such transfer and that the officeholder shall be responsible  
101 for the failure to deliver the code and for any damage or  
102 destruction to the code, normal wear and tear excepted. The joint  
103 committee shall execute the agreement and forward it to the  
104 officeholder for execution. The joint committee shall not deliver  
105 or provide for delivery of the code to the officeholder until the  
106 executed agreement is received by the committee. The joint  
107 committee may include in the agreement such other provisions as it  
108 may deem reasonable and necessary. In addition to damages or any  
109 other remedy for not transferring a set of the code to his  
110 successor, an officeholder who does not transfer his set of the  
111 code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction,  
112 pay a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Upon request of  
113 the joint committee, the Attorney General shall assist the joint  
114 committee in taking such actions as necessary to require an  
115 officeholder to transfer the set of code provided under this  
116 section to his successor, or to the joint committee if there is no  
117 successor, and to recover reimbursement or damages from any



officeholder for the loss of or damage or destruction to any volumes of the set of the code provided under this section, other than normal wear and tear.

Replacement of missing, damaged or destroyed sets or volumes of the code provided by this chapter may be obtained from the code publisher through the joint committee at the established state cost, the cost to be borne by the recipient.

No more than one (1) set of the Mississippi Code of 1972 shall be furnished to any one (1) individual, regardless of the office or offices he may hold.

(2) \* \* \* The sets of actual bound volumes of the Mississippi Code of 1972 \* \* \* referenced in subsection (1) shall be provided to each elected state official, elected state district official and member of the Legislature \* \* \* upon written request by the official or member of the Legislature \* \* \* to the Joint Committee on Compilation, Revision and Publication of Legislation \* \* \*.

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

