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To: Constitution; Judiciary,
Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2012

1 AN ACT TO CRIMINALIZE THE PUBLIC BURNING OF THE UNITED STATES
2 FLAG; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) In addition to the penalties described in
5 Section 97-7-39, a person who willfully burns the flag of the
6 United States in public shall be fined Five Hundred Dollars
7 (\$500.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for thirty (30) days,
8 or both.

9 (2) This section does not prohibit any conduct consisting of
10 the disposal of the flag of the United States when it has become
11 worn or soiled.

12 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
13 and after July 1, 2021.

