

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

Senate Bill No. 2072

BY: Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

11 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is hereby created the Pecan Harvesting
12 Law Transparency Study Committee to identify and examine all
13 methods available to pecan growers and landowners upon whose
14 property pecans are grown and harvested to maximize the benefits
15 of their annual harvest yield, by ensuring that the best interest
16 of pecan growers in the State of Mississippi remain an essential
17 and viable agricultural market. Additionally, the committee is
18 tasked with the responsibility of reviewing any laws which
19 adversely affect the state's pecan industry, and submitting its
20 reports and recommendations to the 2022 Regular Session of the



21 Legislature to ensure the sustainability of growers, promotion of
22 growing opportunities to expand the market, and to provide growers
23 and landowners equal protections under the law from theft and
24 misappropriation of funds received from the sale of pecans
25 harvested upon pecan grower's or landowners' property.

26 (2) The Study Committee shall be composed of the following
27 nine (9) members:

28 (a) Two (2) members appointed by the Lieutenant
29 Governor from the state at-large;

30 (b) Two (2) members appointed by the Speaker of the
31 House of Representatives from the state at-large;

32 (c) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Senate
33 Agriculture Committee;

34 (d) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the House
35 Agriculture Committee; and

36 (e) The President of the Mississippi Pecan Growers
37 Association or his/her designee.

38 (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after
39 the effective date of this act. The committee shall hold its
40 first meeting before June 15, 2021. The Chairmen of the Senate
41 and House Agriculture Committees shall jointly serve as
42 co-chairmen of the study committee.

43 (4) A majority of the members of the committee shall
44 constitute a quorum. In the adoption of the rules, resolutions
45 and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority of the members



46 shall be required. All members shall be notified in writing of
47 all meetings, such notices shall be mailed at least five (5) days
48 before the date on which a meeting is to be held.

49 (5) To effectuate the purposes of this section, any
50 department, division, board, bureau, committee or agency of the
51 state or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request
52 of any member of the committee, provide such facilities,
53 assistance, information and data as will enable the committee to
54 properly carry out its duties.

55 (6) Upon the conclusion of its work, and presentation of its
56 report and recommendations to the 2022 Regular Session of the
57 Legislature for consideration, the study committee shall be
58 dissolved.

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE PECAN HARVESTING LAW TRANSPARENCY STUDY
2 COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL DEVELOP
3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENSURING THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE'S
4 PECAN GROWERS REMAIN AN ESSENTIAL AND VIABLE AGRICULTURAL MARKET,
5 AND TO ENSURE THAT PECAN GROWERS AND LANDOWNERS UPON WHOSE
6 PROPERTY PECANS ARE GROWN AND HARVESTED ARE AFFORDED EQUAL
7 PROTECTIONS UNDER THE LAW FROM THEFT AND MISAPPROPRIATIONS OF
8 FUNDS RECEIVED FOR THE SALE OF PECANS HARVESTED UPON SAID GROWER'S
9 OR LANDOWNERS' PROPERTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

