

By: Representative Yancey

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 21

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-3-120, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE
 3 MISSISSIPPI BAR SHALL AWARD SIX HOURS OF CONTINUING LEGAL
 4 EDUCATION CREDIT ANNUALLY TO EACH ATTORNEY WHO CERTIFIES HIS OR
 5 HER EMPLOYMENT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE OR THE HOUSE OF
 6 REPRESENTATIVES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-3-120, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 9 amended as follows:

10 73-3-120. (1) Members of the bar shall be divided into
 11 active and inactive membership classes which shall be defined as
 12 follows:

13 (a) "Active member" means any person admitted to
 14 practice law in this state and who is engaged in the practice of
 15 law in this state. Except as otherwise provided in Section
 16 73-3-125, all active members shall be entitled to vote and hold
 17 office in the bar.

18 (b) "Inactive member" means any member, in good
 19 standing, who is not engaged in the practice of law in this state.

20 A person may, upon written request, be enrolled as an inactive



21 member. Inactive members shall not be entitled to vote and hold
22 office in the bar.

23 (2) As used in this section, the "practice of law" shall
24 include any person holding himself out as a practicing attorney or
25 occupying any position in which he may be called upon to give
26 legal advice or counsel or to examine the law or to pass upon the
27 legal effect of any act, document or law.

28 (3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
29 the Mississippi Bar shall promulgate rules and regulations
30 regarding continuing legal education requirements between active
31 and inactive status.

32 (b) The Continuing Legal Education Commission of the
33 Mississippi Bar shall award six (6) hours of continuing legal
34 education credit annually to each attorney who certifies his or
35 her employment with the Mississippi Senate or the House of
36 Representatives. The commission shall provide the certification
37 form.

38 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 2022.

