To: Rules

By: Representative Zuber

HOUSE BILL NO. 162

- AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION 5-1-87, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO LIMIT THE INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL BILLS REQUIRING A MAJORITY VOTE FOR PASSAGE TO REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS OCCURRING IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 7 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
- 8 5-1-87, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 9 5-1-87. (1) The request for drafting and the introduction
- 10 and consideration of general bills other than those considered
- 11 revenue bills under subsection (2) of this section shall be
- 12 limited to regular legislative sessions occurring in even-numbered
- 13 years, and a general bill other than a general bill considered a
- 14 revenue bill under subsection (2) may not be requested, introduced
- 15 or considered during a regular legislative session occurring in an
- 16 odd-numbered year.
- 17 (2) For purposes of this section, a general bill modifying,
- 18 adding, deleting or repealing language or a repealer on language
- 19 which provides for the levying of taxes, borrowing of money,

- 20 issuing bonds, notes or other evidence of debt, providing for fees
- 21 or imposing the issuance of a license, of whatever kind by the
- 22 state or any political subdivision of the state, or the exemption
- 23 of property from state taxes or taxes of any subdivision of the
- 24 state, is considered a revenue bill, and no revenue bill,
- 25 conference committee report on a revenue bill, or concurrence in
- 26 amendments adopted by the other house may be passed or adopted by
- 27 either the Senate or the House of Representatives except by a vote
- 28 of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of the Senate and
- 29 House, respectively, present and voting.
- 30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 31 and after July 1, 2022.