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To: Constitution

HOUSE BILL NO. 1419

1 AN ACT TO DEFINE THE TERMS "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" AND "STATE
 2 AGENCY"; TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN
 3 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
 4 OF REPRESENTATIVES AND EACH MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT
 5 IDENTIFIES RULES ADOPTED BY ANY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY DURING
 6 THE PREVIOUS MONTH THAT RELATES TO CERTAIN INFORMATION, WAS
 7 ADOPTED IN RESPONSE TO AN EXECUTIVE ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
 8 UNITED STATES, VIOLATES THE RIGHTS GUARANTEED TO THE CITIZENS OF
 9 THE UNITED STATES BY THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, AND PROVIDES
 10 THE STATUS OF ANY LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
 11 RELATING TO A RULE IDENTIFIED BY SUCH REPORT OR THAT A COURT HAS
 12 FOUND TO VIOLATE THE RIGHTS GUARANTEED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE
 13 UNITED STATES BY THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION; TO PROHIBIT STATE
 14 AND LOCAL ENTITIES FROM COOPERATING WITH CERTAIN ACTS OF THE
 15 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT VIOLATE THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION;
 16 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

18 **SECTION 1.** For purposes of this act, the following words and
 19 terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context
 20 clearly indicates otherwise:

21 (a) "Political subdivision" means any county,
 22 municipality, district, instrumentality of the state, public
 23 corporation, commission, board, agency, authority, public body, or
 24 other public entity responsible for governmental activities in
 25 geographic areas smaller than that of the state.



26 (b) "State agency" means any agency, department,
27 institution, board, commission, council, office, bureau, division,
28 committee or subcommittee of the state.

29 **SECTION 2.** (1) On the last day of each month, the Attorney
30 General shall provide a written report to the Governor, Lieutenant
31 Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member
32 of the Legislature that:

33 (a) Identifies each rule adopted by a federal
34 government agency during the previous month that:

35 (i) Relates to:

36 1. Pandemics or other health emergencies;

37 2. The regulation of natural resources,
38 including coal and oil;

39 3. The regulation of the agriculture
40 industry;

41 4. The use of land;

42 5. The regulation of the financial sector as
43 it relates to environmental, social, or governance standards;

44 6. The regulation of the constitutional right
45 to keep and bear arms; or

46 7. The free exercise of religion, including
47 the congregating of religious practitioners;

48 (ii) Was adopted in response to an executive order
49 by the President of the United States; or



50 (iii) Violates the rights guaranteed to the
51 citizens of the United States by the United States Constitution;
52 and

53 (b) Provides the status of any lawsuit filed against
54 the federal government relating to a rule identified by any report
55 prepared under this act, including whether a court has found the
56 rule to violate the rights guaranteed to the citizens of the
57 United States by the United States Constitution.

58 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a
59 state agency or political subdivision of the state shall not
60 cooperate with a federal government agency in implementing any
61 agency rule that has been found by a court to violate the rights
62 guaranteed to the citizens of the United States by the United
63 States Constitution.

64 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
65 and after July 1, 2022.

