

**Adopted  
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2543**

**BY: Senator(s) England**

1           **AMEND by deleting the language on lines 309 through 329 and**  
2 **inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

3           (4) (a) In criminal trials where the testimony of a current  
4 or former State Medical Examiner, Deputy State Medical Examiner,  
5 or member of the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory is needed, the  
6 use of audiovisual communications equipment to present such  
7 testimony remotely is allowed when the state has provided written  
8 notice to the defendant at least ninety (90) days prior to trial  
9 of its intent to present such remote testimony, and the defendant  
10 provides no written objection within fourteen (14) days of  
11 receiving such notice. Should the defendant object, the remote  
12 testimony shall only be permitted upon a finding by the court that  
13 the rights of the defendant to confront the witness against the  
14 defendant is not violated, that compelling circumstances exist to



15 allow such remote testimony, and that the remote testimony can be  
16 provided with appropriate safeguards so as to assure the  
17 reliability of the testimony of the witness during the trial.

18 (b) All persons qualified to administer an oath in the  
19 State of Mississippi may swear a witness remotely by audio-video  
20 communication technology, provided they can positively identify  
21 the witness and they are able to both see and hear the witness via  
22 audiovisual communications equipment.

23 **FURTHER, AMEND on line 584 by deleting the following**  
24 **language:**

25 , and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022

