

By: Representative Lamar

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1293

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 31-7-15.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO REQUIRE STATE AGENCIES TO GIVE A PURCHASING PREFERENCE TO
3 DRONES MANUFACTURED IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PROHIBIT STATE
4 AGENCIES FROM PURCHASING OR OPERATING DRONES MANUFACTURED OR
5 ASSEMBLED FROM PARTS MANUFACTURED IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
6 CHINA; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
9 31-7-15.1, Mississippi Code of 1972:

10 31-7-15.1. (1) Whenever two (2) or more competitive bids
11 relating to the purchase of one or more drones are received by an
12 agency, if all things stated in the received bids are equal with
13 respect to price, quality and service, any drones manufactured
14 within this state must be given first preference. Whenever a
15 purchase of one or more drones may be made without competitive
16 bids, a similar first preference must be given to any drones
17 manufactured within the state.

18 (2) An agency may not purchase or operate a drone
19 manufactured in the People's Republic of China. For purposes of
20 this section, the term "manufactured" includes a drone that is



21 assembled in a country other than the People's Republic of China
22 but which is comprised of more than a negligible amount of parts,
23 components or raw materials originating in the People's Republic
24 of China.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2023.

