By: Representatives Lamar, Stamps, Boyd To: Ways and Means (19th)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1668

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-26, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ALLOWS PARTNERSHIPS, S CORPORATIONS OR SIMILAR PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES TO ELECT TO BE TAXED AS AN ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES AND PAY INCOME TAX AT THE ENTITY 5 LEVEL, TO REVISE THE MANNER BY WHICH A PARTNERSHIP, S CORPORATION OR SIMILAR PASS-THROUGH ENTITY MAY ELECT TO BE TAXED AS AN 6 7 ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY; TO PROVIDE THAT EACH OWNER, MEMBER, PARTNER OR SHAREHOLDER OF AN ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY SHALL 8 9 REPORT HIS OR HER PRO RATA OR DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE OF THE INCOME OF 10 THE ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY IN COMPUTING SUCH TAXPAYER'S 11 GROSS INCOME TAX LIABILITY; TO REVISE THE METHOD OF DETERMINING 12 THE INCOME TAX CREDIT ALLOWED FOR EACH OWNER, MEMBER, PARTNER OR 13 SHAREHOLDER OF AN ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY; TO PROVIDE THAT IF AN OWNER'S, MEMBER'S, PARTNER'S OR SHAREHOLDER'S INCOME TAX CREDIT 14 15 EXCEEDS HIS OR HER INCOME TAX LIABILITY, SUCH EXCESS SHALL BE 16 CARRIED FORWARD AS AN OVERPAYMENT OR REFUNDED AT THE ELECTION OF 17 SUCH PERSON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 19 SECTION 1. Section 27-7-26, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 20 amended as follows: 21 27-7-26. (1) (a) For calendar year 2022, and for each 22 calendar year thereafter, any partnership, S corporation or 23 similar pass-through entity may elect to be taxed as an electing pass-through entity and pay the tax imposed under this chapter at 24

the entity level. For the purposes of this section, the term

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- "electing pass-through entity" means a partnership, S corporation
 or similar pass-through entity that has made an election pursuant
- 28 to this section.
- 29 (b) A partnership, S corporation or similar
- 30 pass-through entity desiring to be taxed as an electing
- 31 pass-through entity shall submit the appropriate form to the
- 32 Department of Revenue at any time during the tax year or on or
- 33 before the fifteenth day of the third month following the close of
- 34 that taxable year for which the entity elects to be taxed as an
- 35 electing pass-through entity. This election shall be binding for
- 36 that taxable year and all taxable years thereafter and shall not
- 37 be revoked unless the electing pass-through entity submits the
- 38 appropriate form to the department at any time during a subsequent
- 39 taxable year or on or before the fifteenth day of the third month
- 40 following the close of that taxable year for which the entity
- 41 elects to no longer be taxed as an electing pass-through entity.
- 42 Both the election to become an electing pass-through entity and
- 43 the revocation of that election shall be accomplished by a vote
- 44 satisfying such threshold required for taking official action as
- 45 may be specified within the entity's governing documents, within
- 46 the time prescribed in this subsection. If the entity's governing
- 47 documents do not contain any such provisions governing the
- 48 approval of official actions, such election shall be accomplished
- 49 by a vote by or written consent of the members of the governing
- 50 body of the entity, if the entity shall have a governing body, as

- 51 well as a vote by or written consent of the owners, members,
- 52 partners or shareholders holding greater than fifty percent (50%)
- of the voting control of the entity, within the time prescribed in
- 54 this subsection.
- 55 (c) Each owner, member, partner or shareholder of an
- 56 electing pass-through entity shall report his or her pro rata or
- 57 distributive share of the income of the electing pass-through
- 58 entity * * * in computing such taxpayer's gross income tax
- 59 liability. Each owner, member, partner or shareholder of an
- 60 electing pass-through entity shall be allowed a credit against the
- 61 taxes imposed under this chapter in an amount equal to his or her
- 62 pro rata or distributive share of tax * * * due before application
- of any entity-level credits by the electing pass-through entity
- 64 with respect to the corresponding taxable year. In the event an
- owner's, member's, partner's or shareholder's credit shall exceed
- 66 his or her income tax liability, such excess shall be carried
- 67 forward to the following tax year as an overpayment or refunded at
- 68 the election of such person.
- 69 (2) The adjusted basis of the owners, members or partners of
- 70 an electing pass-through entity in their ownership interests in
- 71 the electing pass-through entity shall be calculated without
- 72 regard to the election under this section.
- 73 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 74 and after January 1, 2023.