

By: Senator(s) Chassaniol

To: Tourism

SENATE BILL NO. 2138

1 AN ACT CREATING A NEW SECTION 3-3-66, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, DESIGNATING THE MISSISSIPPI OPAL AS THE STATE GEMSTONE; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
6 3-3-66, Mississippi Code of 1972:

7 3-3-66. The Mississippi Opal is hereby designated as the
8 official state gemstone in Mississippi. The Mississippi Opal is
9 the only gem stone found thus far to have been naturally produced
10 within the geographical boundaries of Mississippi, having been
11 discovered during detailed geological mapping of Catahoula
12 Formation in Claiborne County by the Mississippi Department of
13 Environmental Equality, Office of Geology. The Mississippi Opal
14 is a precious gemstone which shows brilliant flashes of fire,
15 ranging from green to red. Designation of the Mississippi Opal as
16 the official state gemstone encourages pride in our state's rich
17 natural heritage.



18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
19 and after its passage.

