

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.

