By: Senator(s) Hickman, Simmons (12th) To: Judiciary, Division A

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 2199

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-23-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 2 TO CLARIFY THAT A COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MAY DEFEND ANY 3 PERSON IN ANY CRIMINAL PROSECUTION NOT WITHIN THE COUNTY IN WHICH HE OR SHE IS THE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY; AND FOR RELATED 5 PURPOSES.

- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 6
- 7 SECTION 1. Section 19-23-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- amended as follows: 8
- 9 19-23-13. The county prosecuting attorney shall not
- 10 represent or defend any person in any criminal prosecution in the
- name of the state, county or municipality of the county, nor shall 11
- 12 he or she give any advice against the state, his or her county or
- in a criminal case against a municipality of his or her county, 13
- 14 and shall not represent any person in any case against the state,
- 15 his or her county, or in a criminal case arising in a municipal
- court of his or her county. Nothing herein shall prohibit any 16
- 17 county prosecuting attorney from defending any person in any
- criminal prosecution in any county not within the \* \* \* county in 18
- 19 which he or she is the county prosecuting attorney.

- 20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 21 and after its passage.

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