By: Representative Shanks

To: Corrections;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 750

- AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 13-7-1 THROUGH 13-7-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATE THE STATE GRAND JURY ACT AND PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF A STATE GRAND JURY; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 13-7-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CODIFY AND EXTEND 5 THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE STATE GRAND JURY ACT; TO AMEND 6 SECTION 99-11-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF 7 THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW RELATING TO VENUE FOR INDICTMENTS BY THE STATE GRAND JURY; TO AMEND SECTION 27, CHAPTER 8 9 553, LAWS OF 1993, AS LAST AMENDED BY CHAPTER 526, LAWS OF 2014, TO DELETE THE REPEALER, WHICH IS BEING CODIFIED IN NEW SECTION 10 11 13-7-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE SECTION 12 OF THE ENABLING LEGISLATION THAT CREATED THE STATE GRAND JURY ACT; 13 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- 14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 15 **SECTION 1.** Section 13-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 16 reenacted as follows:
- 17 13-7-1. This chapter may be cited as the "State Grand Jury
- 18 Act," and any state grand jury which may be convened as provided
- 19 herein shall be known as "State Grand Jury of Mississippi."
- 20 **SECTION 2.** Section 13-7-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 21 reenacted as follows:
- 22 13-7-3. For purposes of this chapter:

23 (a) The phrase "Attorney General or his designee"
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- 24 includes:
- 25 (i) The Attorney General or his designees;
- 26 (ii) The Attorney General and his designee or
- 27 designees.
- 28 (b) The term "impaneling judge" means any senior
- 29 circuit court judge of any circuit court district who, upon
- 30 petition by the Attorney General, impanels a state grand jury
- 31 under the provisions of this chapter and shall also include any
- 32 successor to such judge as provided by law.
- 33 **SECTION 3.** Section 13-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 34 reenacted as follows:
- 35 13-7-5. There is established a state grand jury system.
- 36 Each state grand jury shall consist of twenty (20) persons who may
- 37 be impaneled and who may meet at any suitable location within the
- 38 state as designated by the impaneling judge. Fifteen (15) members
- 39 of a state grand jury constitute a quorum.
- SECTION 4. Section 13-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 41 reenacted as follows:
- 42 13-7-7. (1) The jurisdiction of a state grand jury
- 43 impaneled under this chapter extends throughout the state. The
- 44 subject matter jurisdiction of a state grand jury in all cases is
- 45 limited to offenses involving any and all conduct made unlawful by
- 46 the Mississippi Uniform Controlled Substances Law or any other
- 47 provision of law involving narcotics, dangerous drugs or

- 48 controlled substances, or any crime arising out of or in
- 49 connection with a crime involving narcotics, dangerous drugs or
- 50 controlled substances, and crimes involving any attempt, aiding,
- 51 abetting, solicitation or conspiracy to commit any of the
- 52 aforementioned crimes if the crimes occur within more than one (1)
- 53 circuit court district or have transpired or are transpiring or
- 54 have significance in more than one (1) circuit court district of
- 55 this state.
- 56 (2) Whenever the Attorney General considers it necessary,
- 57 and normal investigative or prosecutorial procedures are not
- 58 adequate, the Attorney General may petition in writing to the
- 59 senior circuit court judge of any circuit court district in this
- 60 state for an order impaneling a state grand jury. For the
- 61 purposes of this chapter, such judge shall be referred to as the
- 62 impaneling judge. The petition must allege the following:
- 63 (a) The type of offenses to be inquired into;
- 64 (b) That the state grand jury has jurisdiction to
- 65 consider such matters;
- (c) That the offenses to be inquired into have occurred
- 67 within more than one (1) circuit court district or have transpired
- 68 or are transpiring or have significance in more than one (1)
- 69 circuit court district of this state;
- 70 (d) That the Attorney General has conferred with the
- 71 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Director of the Mississippi

- 72 Bureau of Narcotics and that each of such officials join in the
- 73 petition; and
- 74 That the Attorney General has conferred with the
- 75 appropriate district attorney for each jurisdiction in which the
- 76 crime or crimes are alleged to have occurred.
- 77 (3) The impaneling judge, after due consideration of the
- petition, may order the impanelment of a state grand jury in 78
- accordance with the petition for a term of twelve (12) calendar 79
- 80 Upon petition by the Attorney General, the impaneling
- judge, by order, may extend the term of that state grand jury for 81
- a period of six (6) months, but the term of that state grand jury, 82
- including any extension thereof, shall not exceed two (2) years. 83
- 84 (4)The impaneling judge shall preside over the state grand
- jury until its discharge. 85
- The impaneling judge may discharge a state grand jury 86
- 87 prior to the end of its original term or any extensions thereof,
- 88 upon a determination that its business has been completed, or upon
- the request of the Attorney General. 89

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- 90 If, at any time within the original term of any state
- 91 grand jury or any extension thereof, the impaneling judge
- 92 determines that the state grand jury is not conducting
- 93 investigative activity within its jurisdiction or proper
- 94 investigative activity, the impaneling judge may limit the
- 95 investigations so that the investigation conforms with the
- jurisdiction of the state grand jury and existing law or he may 96

- 97 discharge the state grand jury. An order issued pursuant to this
- 98 subsection or under subsection (5) of this section shall not
- 99 become effective less than ten (10) days after the date on which
- 100 it is issued and actual notice given to the Attorney General and
- 101 the foreman of the state grand jury, and may be appealed by the
- 102 Attorney General to the Supreme Court. If an appeal from the
- 103 order is made, the state grand jury, except as otherwise ordered
- 104 by the Supreme Court, shall continue to exercise its powers
- 105 pending disposition of the appeal.
- SECTION 5. Section 13-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 107 reenacted as follows:
- 108 13-7-9. A state grand jury may return indictments
- 109 irrespective of the county or judicial district where the offense
- 110 is committed. If an indictment is returned, it must be certified
- 111 and transferred for prosecution to the county designated by the
- 112 impaneling judge. The powers and duties of and the law applicable
- 113 to county grand juries apply to the state grand jury, except when
- 114 such powers and duties and applicable law are inconsistent with
- 115 the provisions of this chapter.
- SECTION 6. Section 13-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 117 reenacted as follows:
- 118 13-7-11. The Attorney General or his designee shall attend
- 119 sessions of a state grand jury and shall serve as its legal
- 120 advisor. The Attorney General or his designee shall examine

- 121 witnesses, present evidence, and draft indictments and reports
- 122 upon the direction of a state grand jury.
- 123 **SECTION 7.** Section 13-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 124 reenacted as follows:
- 125 13-7-13. The impaneling judge shall appoint a circuit clerk
- 126 who shall serve as the clerk of the state grand jury. The
- 127 compensation of the state grand jury clerk shall be paid out of
- 128 any available funds appropriated for that purpose.
- 129 **SECTION 8.** Section 13-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 130 reenacted as follows:
- 131 13-7-15. After the impaneling judge orders a term for the
- 132 state grand jury on petition of the Attorney General, the
- 133 impaneling judge shall order that the circuit clerk for each
- 134 county shall proceed to draw at random from the jury box as
- 135 provided by Section 13-5-26, the name of one (1) voter of such
- 136 county for each two thousand (2,000) voters or fraction thereof
- 137 registered in such county and shall place these names on a list.
- 138 The circuit clerk shall not disqualify or excuse any individual
- 139 whose name is drawn. When the list is compiled, the clerk of the
- 140 circuit court for each county shall forward the list to the clerk
- 141 of the state grand jury. Upon receipt of all the lists from the
- 142 clerks of the circuit courts, the clerk of the state grand jury
- 143 shall place all the names so received upon a list which shall be
- 144 known as the master list.

145	The impaneling judge shall order the clerk of the state grand
146	jury to produce the master list and shall direct the random
147	drawing of the names of one hundred (100) persons from the master
148	list. The names drawn shall be given to the clerk of the state
149	grand jury who shall cause each person drawn for service to be
150	served with a summons either personally by the sheriff of the
151	county where the juror resides or by mail, addressed to the juror
152	at his usual residence, business or post office address, requiring
153	him to report for state grand jury service at a specified time and
154	place as designated by the impaneling judge. From the one hundred
155	(100) persons summoned, a state grand jury shall be drawn for that
156	term consisting of twenty (20) persons. State grand jurors must
157	be drawn in the same manner as jurors are drawn for service on the
158	county grand jury.

- All qualified persons shall be liable to serve as state grand 160 jurors, unless excused by the court for one (1) of the following 161 causes:
- 162 (a) When the juror is ill, or when on account of
 163 serious illness in the juror's family, the presence of the juror
 164 is required at home;
- 165 (b) When the juror's attendance would cause a serious
 166 financial loss to the juror or to the juror's business; or
- (c) When the juror is under an emergency, fairly equivalent to those mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs (a) and (b).

170	An excuse of illness under paragraph (a) may be made to the								
171	state grand jury clerk outside of open court by providing the								
172	clerk with either a certificate of a licensed physician or an								
173	affidavit of the juror, stating that the juror is ill or that								
174	there is a serious illness in the juror's family. The test of an								
175	excuse under paragraph (b) shall be whether, if the juror were								
176	incapacitated by illness or otherwise for a week, some other								
177	persons would be available or could reasonably be procured to								
178	carry on the business for the week, and the test of an excuse								
179	under paragraph (c) shall be such as to be the fair equivalent,								
180	under the circumstances of that prescribed under paragraph (b).								
181	In cases under paragraphs (b) and (c) the excuse must be made by								
182	the juror, in open court, under oath.								
183	It shall be unlawful for any employer or other person to								
184	persuade or attempt to persuade any juror to avoid jury service,								
185	or to intimidate or to threaten any juror in that respect. So to								
186	do shall be deemed an interference with the administration of								
187	justice and a contempt of court and punishable as such.								
188	Every citizen over sixty-five (65) years of age shall be								
189	exempt from service if he claims the privilege. No qualified								
190	juror shall be excluded because of such reason, but the same shall								
191	be a personal privilege to be claimed by any person selected for								
192	state grand jury duty. Any citizen over sixty-five (65) years of								

age may claim this personal privilege outside of open court by

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- 194 providing the clerk of court with information that allows the 195 clerk to determine the validity of the claim.
- The state grand jurors shall be charged by the impaneling
- 197 judge as to their authority and responsibility under the law and
- 198 each juror shall be sworn pursuant to Section 13-5-45. Nothing in
- 199 this section shall be construed as limiting the right of the
- 200 Attorney General or his designee to request that a potential state
- 201 grand juror be excused for cause. The jury selection process
- 202 shall be conducted by the impaneling judge. Jurors of a state
- 203 grand jury shall receive reimbursement for travel and mileage as
- 204 provided for state employees by Section 25-3-41 and shall be paid
- 205 per diem compensation in the amount provided by Section 25-3-69.
- 206 All compensation and expenses for meals and lodging of state grand
- 207 jurors shall be paid out of any available funds appropriated for
- 208 that purpose.
- SECTION 9. Section 13-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 210 reenacted as follows:
- 211 13-7-17. The impaneling judge shall appoint one (1) of the
- 212 jurors to be a foreman and another to be deputy foreman. During
- 213 the absence of the foreman, the deputy foreman shall act as
- 214 foreman. The foreman and deputy foreman shall be sworn pursuant
- 215 to Section 13-5-45.
- 216 **SECTION 10.** Section 13-7-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 217 reenacted as follows:

218	13-7-19. After the state grand jurors shall have been sworn
219	and impaneled, no objections shall be raised by plea or otherwise,
220	to the state grand jury, but the impaneling of the state grand
221	jury shall be conclusive evidence of its competency and
222	qualifications. However, any party interested may challenge the
223	jury, except to the array, for fraud.
224	SECTION 11. Section 13-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
225	reenacted as follows:
226	13-7-21. The clerk of the state grand jury, upon request of
227	the Attorney General or his designee, shall issue subpoenas, or
228	subpoenas duces tecum to compel individuals, documents or other
229	materials to be brought from anywhere in the state or another
230	state to a state grand jury. In addition, a state grand jury may

proceed in the same manner as is provided for by law in relation to the issuance of subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum; however, the provisions of such law shall not be considered a limitation upon this section, but shall be supplemental thereto. subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum may be for investigative purposes and for the retention of documents or other materials so subpoenaed for proper criminal proceedings. Any investigator employed by the Attorney General or any law enforcement officer with appropriate jurisdiction is empowered to serve such subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum and receive such documents and other materials for return to a state grand jury. Any person violating a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum issued pursuant to this

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243	chapter, or who fails to fully answer all questions put to him
244	before proceedings of the state grand jury whenever the response
245	thereto is not privileged or otherwise protected by law, including
246	the granting of immunity as authorized by this chapter, or any
247	other law, may be punished by the impaneling judge for contempt
248	provided the response is not privileged or otherwise protected by
249	law. The Attorney General or his designee may petition the
250	impaneling judge to compel compliance by the person alleged to
251	have committed the violation or who has failed to answer. If the
252	impaneling judge considers compliance is warranted, he may order
253	compliance and may punish the individual for contempt, as provided
254	in Section 9-1-17, where the compliance does not occur. The clerk
255	of the state grand jury may also issue subpoenas and subpoenas
256	duces tecum to compel individuals, documents or other materials to
257	be brought from anywhere in the state to the trial of any
258	indictment returned by a state grand jury or the trial of any
259	civil forfeiture action arising out of an investigation conducted
260	by a state grand jury.

- 261 SECTION 12. Section 13-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 262 reenacted as follows:
- 263 13-7-23. Once a state grand jury has entered into a term, 264 the petition and order establishing and impaneling the state grand 265 jury may be amended as often as necessary and appropriate so as to 266 expand the areas of inquiry authorized by the order or to add 267 additional areas of inquiry thereto, consistent with the

- provisions of this chapter. The procedures for amending this
 authority are the same as those for filing the original petition
 and order.
- 271 **SECTION 13.** Section 13-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:
- 273 13-7-25. A court reporter shall record either 274 stenographically or by use of an electronic recording device, all 275 state grand jury proceedings except when the state grand jury is 276 deliberating or voting. Subject to the limitations of Section 277 13-7-29 and any rule of court, a defendant has the right to review 278 and to reproduce the stenographically or electronically recorded 279 materials. Transcripts of the recorded testimony or proceedings 280 must be made when requested by the Attorney General or his 281 designee. An unintentional failure of any recording to reproduce 282 all or any portion of the testimony or proceeding shall not affect 283 the validity of the prosecution. The recording or reporter's 284 notes or any transcript prepared therefrom and all books, papers, 285 records and correspondence produced before the state grand jury 286 shall remain in the custody and control of the Attorney General or 287 his designee unless otherwise ordered by the court in a particular 288 case.
- 289 **SECTION 14.** Section 13-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 290 reenacted as follows:

- 13-7-27. The foreman shall administer an oath or affirmation 292 in the manner prescribed by law to any witness who testifies 293 before a state grand jury.
- 294 **SECTION 15.** Section 13-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 295 reenacted as follows:
- 296 13-7-29. (1) State grand jury proceedings are secret, and a 297 state grand juror shall not disclose the nature or substance of 298 the deliberations or vote of the state grand jury. The only 299 persons who may be present in the state grand jury room when a 300 state grand jury is in session, except for deliberations and 301 voting, are the state grand jurors, the Attorney General or his 302 designees, an interpreter if necessary and the witness testifying. 303 A state grand juror, the Attorney General or his designees, any 304 interpreter used and any person to whom disclosure is made 305 pursuant to subsection (2)(b) of this section may not disclose the 306 testimony of a witness examined before a state grand jury or other 307 evidence received by it except when directed by a court for the 308 purpose of:
- 309 (a) Ascertaining whether it is consistent with the 310 testimony given by the witness before the court in any subsequent 311 criminal proceedings;
- 312 (b) Determining whether the witness is guilty of 313 perjury;

314	(c) Assisting local, state or federal law enforcement
315	or investigating agencies, including another grand jury, in
316	investigating crimes under their investigative jurisdiction;
317	(d) Providing the defendant the materials to which he
318	is entitled pursuant to Section 13-7-25; or
319	(e) Complying with constitutional, statutory or other
320	legal requirements or to further justice.
321	If the court orders disclosure of matters occurring before a
322	state grand jury, the disclosure shall be made in that manner, at
323	that time, and under those conditions as the court directs.
324	(2) In addition, disclosure of testimony of a witness
325	examined before a state grand jury or other evidence received by
326	it may be made without being directed by a court to:
327	(a) The Attorney General or his designees for use in
328	the performance of their duties; or
329	(b) Those governmental personnel, including personnel
330	of the state or its political subdivisions, as are considered
331	necessary by the Attorney General or his designee to assist in the
332	performance of their duties to enforce the criminal laws of the
333	state; however, any person to whom matters are disclosed under
334	this paragraph (b) shall not utilize the state grand jury material
335	for purposes other than assisting the Attorney General or his
336	designee in the performance of their duties to enforce the
337	criminal laws of this state. The Attorney General or his

designees shall promptly provide the impaneling judge the names of

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- the persons to whom the disclosure has been made and shall certify that he has advised these persons of their obligations of secrecy under this section.
- 342 (3) Nothing in this section affects the attorney-client
 343 relationship. A client has the right to communicate to his
 344 attorney any testimony given by the client to a state grand jury,
 345 any matters involving the client discussed in the client's
 346 presence before a state grand jury and evidence involving the
 347 client received by a proffer to a state grand jury in the client's
 348 presence.
- 349 (4) Any person violating the provisions of this section is 350 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by 351 a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by a 352 term of imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, or by both such 353 fine and imprisonment.
- (5) State grand jurors, the Attorney General and his
 designee, any interpreter used and the clerk of the state grand
 jury shall be sworn to secrecy and also may be punished for
 criminal contempt for violations of this section.
- 358 **SECTION 16.** Section 13-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 359 reenacted as follows:
- 13-7-31. Except for the prosecution of cases arising from indictments issued by the state grand jury, the impaneling judge has jurisdiction to hear all matters arising from the proceedings of a state grand jury, including, but not limited to, matters

- 364 related to the impanelment or removal of state grand jurors, the 365 quashing of subpoenas and the punishment for contempt.
- 366 SECTION 17. Section 13-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 367 reenacted as follows:
- 368 The Attorney General or his designee shall 369 coordinate the scheduling of activities of any state grand jury.
- 370 SECTION 18. Section 13-7-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 371 reenacted as follows:
- 372 13-7-35. (1) In order to return a "True Bill" of 373 indictment, twelve (12) or more state grand jurors must find that probable cause exists for the indictment and vote in favor of the 374 375 indictment. Upon indictment by a state grand jury, the indictment 376 shall be returned to the impaneling judge. If the impaneling 377 judge considers the indictment to be within the authority of the 378 state grand jury and otherwise in accordance with the provisions 379 of this chapter, he shall order the clerk of the state grand jury 380 to certify the indictment and return the indictment to the county
- 383 Indictments returned by a state grand jury are properly (2) 384 triable in any county of the state where any of the alleged 385 conduct occurred. The impaneling judge to whom the indictment is 386 returned shall designate the county in which the indictment shall 387 be tried. If a multicount indictment returned by a state grand jury is properly triable in a single proceeding as otherwise 388

designated by the impaneling judge as the county in which the

indictment shall be tried.

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389	provided by law, all counts may be tried in the county designated
390	by the impaneling judge notwithstanding the fact that different
391	counts may have occurred in more than one (1) county.

- 392 (3) In determining the venue for indictments returned by a 393 state grand jury, the impaneling judge shall select the county in 394 which the state and defendant may receive a fair trial before an 395 impartial jury taking into consideration the totality of the 396 circumstances of each case.
- 397 (4) When the indictment has been returned to the circuit
 398 clerk of the county designated by the impaneling judge, the capias
 399 shall be issued as otherwise provided by law. The indictment
 400 shall be kept secret until the defendant is in custody or has been
 401 released pending trial.
- SECTION 19. Section 13-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:
- 404 13-7-37. If any person asks to be excused from testifying 405 before a state grand jury or from producing any books, papers, 406 records, correspondence or other documents before a state grand 407 jury on the ground that the testimony or evidence required of him 408 may tend to incriminate him or subject him to any penalty or 409 forfeiture and such person, notwithstanding such ground, is 410 directed by the impaneling judge to give the testimony or produce the evidence, he shall comply with this direction, but no 411 412 testimony so given or evidence produced may be received against him in any criminal action, investigation or criminal proceeding. 413

415	exempt from prosecution or punishment for any perjury committed by
416	him while so testifying, and the testimony or evidence given or
417	produced is admissible against him upon any criminal action,
418	criminal investigation or criminal proceeding concerning this
419	perjury; however, any individual may execute, acknowledge and file
420	a statement with the appropriate court expressly waiving immunity
421	or privilege in respect to any testimony given or produced and
422	thereupon the testimony or evidence given or produced may be
423	received or produced before any judge or justice, court tribunal,

No individual testifying or producing evidence or documents is

SECTION 20. Section 13-7-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

of any testimony he may give or evidence produced.

grand jury or otherwise, and if so received or produced, the

individual is not entitled to any immunity or privilege on account

- 13-7-39. Records, orders and subpoenas related to state
 430 grand jury proceedings shall be kept under seal to the extent and
 431 for the time that is necessary to prevent disclosure of matters
 432 occurring before a state grand jury.
- 433 **SECTION 21.** Section 13-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 434 reenacted as follows:
- 13-7-41. The Attorney General shall make available suitable space for state grand juries to meet. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics may

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- 438 provide such services as required by the Attorney General and the
- 439 state grand juries.
- **SECTION 22.** Section 13-7-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 441 reenacted as follows:
- 442 13-7-43. The Supreme Court may promulgate rules as are
- 443 necessary for the operation of the state grand jury system
- 444 established by this chapter.
- 445 **SECTION 23.** Section 13-7-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 446 reenacted as follows:
- 447 13-7-45. If any part of this chapter is declared invalid,
- 448 unenforceable or unconstitutional by a court of competent
- 449 jurisdiction, that part shall be severable from the remaining
- 450 portions of this chapter, which portions shall remain in full
- 451 force and effect as if the invalid, unenforceable or
- 452 unconstitutional portion were omitted.
- 453 **SECTION 24.** Section 13-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 454 reenacted as follows:
- 455 13-7-47. This chapter applies to offenses committed both
- 456 before and after its effective date.
- 457 **SECTION 25.** Section 13-7-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 458 reenacted as follows:
- 459 13-7-49. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as
- 460 amending, repealing or superseding any other law of this state
- 461 governing the powers and duties of county grand jurors, district
- 462 attorneys or law enforcement agencies or other officials with

- 463 regard to their authority to investigate, indict or prosecute
- 464 offenses that are prescribed by this chapter as within the
- 465 jurisdiction of the state grand jury.
- 466 **SECTION 26.** The following shall be codified as Section
- 467 13-7-51, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 468 13-7-51. This chapter shall stand repealed on July 1, 2027.
- 469 **SECTION 27.** Section 99-11-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 470 amended as follows:
- 471 99-11-3. (1) The local jurisdiction of all offenses, unless
- 472 otherwise provided by law, shall be in the county where committed.
- 473 But, if on the trial the evidence makes it doubtful in which of
- 474 several counties, including that in which the indictment or
- 475 affidavit alleges the offense was committed, such doubt shall not
- 476 avail to procure the acquittal of the defendant.
- 477 (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall
- 478 not apply to indictments returned by a state grand jury. The
- 479 venue of trials for indictments returned by a state grand jury
- 480 shall be as provided by the State Grand Jury Act. This subsection
- 481 shall stand repealed from and after July 1, * * * 2027.
- 482 **SECTION 28.** Section 27, Chapter 553, Laws of 1993, as
- 483 amended by Chapter 382, Laws of 1998, as amended by Chapter 480,
- 484 Laws of 1999, as amended by Chapter 471, Laws of 2002, as amended
- 485 by Chapter 506, Laws of 2005, as amended by Chapter 337, Laws of
- 486 2011, as amended by Chapter 526, Laws of 2014, is amended as
- 487 follows:

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488	Section 27.	This act	shall	take	effect	and	be	in	force	from
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490 **SECTION 29.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 491 and after July 1, 2024.