

By: Representative Bell (65th)

To: State Affairs

## HOUSE BILL NO. 139

1       AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMMISSION TO REDESIGNATE CONFEDERATE  
2 COUNTY NAMES IN MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
3 COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL PREPARE AND  
4 SUBMIT ITS INITIAL REPORT WITH A DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINDINGS,  
5 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE  
6 GOVERNOR NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2025; TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
7 COMMISSION SHALL CONTINUE IN EXISTENCE AND SHALL PREPARE AND  
8 SUBMIT A FOLLOW-UP REPORT ANNUALLY NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1 OF  
9 THE YEAR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11       SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Commission to  
12 Redesignate Confederate County Names in Mississippi.

13       (2) The commission shall consist of eleven (11) members as  
14 follows:

15           (a) Three (3) members of the Mississippi House of  
16 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;

17           (b) Three (3) members of the Mississippi Senate  
18 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

19           (c) The Executive Director of the Mississippi  
20 Department of Archives and History, or his designee;

21 (d) Two (2) representatives from the Board of Trustees  
22 of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History; and  
23 (e) Two (2) members from the state at large appointed  
24 by the Governor, one (1) of whom shall be from business and  
25 industry.

26           All appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after  
27   the effective date of this act.



46 (5) The members of the commission shall serve without  
47 compensation, except the legislative members shall be reimbursed  
48 at the same rate as for attending committee meetings when the  
49 Legislature is not in session.

50 (6) The Department of Archives and History shall provide  
51 appropriate staff support to assist the commission in carrying out  
52 its duties, and the commission may consult with employees of any  
53 state agency necessary to accomplish its responsibilities.

54 (7) The commission is authorized and encouraged to create  
55 subcommittees and working groups whose membership includes  
56 noncommission members.

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

