

By: Senator(s) Blackmon

To: Judiciary, Division A

## SENATE BILL NO. 2476

1       AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 13-5-62, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE A COURT TO MAKE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION A  
3 RECORD OF THE GRAND JURY PROCEEDING TO THE DEFENDANT OR HIS OR HER  
4 COUNSEL WHEN A GRAND JURY RETURNS AN INDICTMENT; TO AUTHORIZE  
5 PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COPIES IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT; TO  
6 PROVIDE THAT ANY COPIES OF THE RECORD SHALL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL;  
7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9       **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section  
10 13-5-62, Mississippi Code of 1972:

11       13-5-62. When a grand jury returns an indictment, the court,  
12 upon request of the defendant, shall make available for inspection  
13 a record of the grand jury proceeding to the defendant or his or  
14 her counsel. In its discretion, the court, upon application, may  
15 permit copies of the record to be produced at the defendant's  
16 expense. Any copies of the record shall be kept confidential.  
17 For the purposes of this section, "record" means a transcript or  
18 electronic recording.

19       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
20 and after July 1, 2025.

