

By: Representative Watson

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 798

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-11-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT JURISDICTION OF A CRIME COMMITTED IN A MUNICIPALITY
3 WHOSE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES INCLUDE PORTIONS OF MORE THAN ONE
4 COUNTY MAY BE IN ANY COUNTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE
5 MUNICIPALITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 99-11-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 99-11-3. (1) The local jurisdiction of all offenses, unless
10 otherwise provided by law, shall be in the county where committed,
11 except in a municipality whose corporate limits include portions
12 of more than one (1) county, in which case jurisdiction may be in
13 any county within the corporate limits of the municipality. But,
14 if on the trial the evidence makes it doubtful in which of several
15 counties, including that in which the indictment or affidavit
16 alleges the offense was committed, such doubt shall not avail to
17 procure the acquittal of the defendant.

18 (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall
19 not apply to indictments returned by a state grand jury. The
20 venue of trials for indictments returned by a state grand jury
21 shall be as provided by the State Grand Jury Act. This subsection
22 shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 1999.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after its passage.