By: Representatives Eaton, Stringer, Warren, To: Agriculture Robinson (84th), Saucier, Vince, Bozeman, Wallace, Straughter

## HOUSE BILL NO. 826 (As Sent to Governor)

- AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 95-5-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE TIME FOR RECOVERY OF DAMAGES FOR CUTTING TREES WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE OWNER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 95-5-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 6 amended as follows:
- 7 95-5-29. An action for the remedies and penalties provided
- 8 <u>by Section 95-5-10 may be prosecuted in any court of competent</u>
- 9 jurisdiction within twenty-four (24) months from the time the
- 10 <u>injury was committed and not after</u>. All other actions for any
- 11 specific penalty given by this chapter may be prosecuted in any
- 12 court of competent jurisdiction within twelve (12) months from the
- 13 time the injury was committed, and not after; and a recovery of
- 14 any penalty herein given shall not be a bar to any action for
- 15 further damages, or to any criminal prosecution for any such
- 16 offense as herein enumerated. A party, if he so elect, may, under
- 17 any of the provisions of this chapter, claim less than the penalty
- 18 given.
- 19 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 20 and after its passage.