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## HOUSE BILL NO. 186

- AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FROM
- 2 RECOMMENDING OR ENDORSING THE PURCHASE OF GOODS OR SERVICES BY
- 3 THEIR EMPLOYING ENTITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 5 <u>SECTION 1.</u> It shall be unlawful for any appointed or elected
- 6 public official or any employee of the state or any political
- 7 subdivision to recommend or endorse the purchase of any goods or
- 8 services by the entity for which such public official or employee
- 9 is serving or employed. A person violating this section shall be
- 10 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined Five
- 11 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than one (1)
- 12 year, or both such fine and imprisonment.
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 14 and after July 1, 2000.