

By: Representative Perkins

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 20

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-3-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT COUNTY BOARD ATTORNEYS SHALL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE
3 OFFICIAL MISSISSIPPI EDITION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME
4 COURT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 9-3-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 9-3-45. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to
9 contract for the purchase of and to purchase not more than four
10 hundred (400) copies of the official Mississippi edition of the
11 decisions of the Supreme Court and advance sheets with headnotes,
12 and it shall, when approved by the Chief Justice, certify, the
13 account therefor to the Auditor of Public Accounts, who thereupon
14 shall issue his warrant upon the State Treasury for the amounts so
15 specified; and of these the Secretary of State shall deliver a
16 copy to each circuit judge, each chancellor, each district
17 attorney, * * * each county attorney, each county board attorney,
18 each county judge, each Supreme Court judge, the Attorney General
19 and each assistant, and to all others heretofore or hereafter
20 authorized by law to receive same, first having stamped thereon as
21 follows: "Property of the State of Mississippi for the use of the
22 _____ Judicial District," and his successors in office; and he
23 shall place an appropriately similar stamp on each copy delivered
24 to the other court officers mentioned in this section.

25 The contractor shall have exclusive sale of all reports
26 published under this section, including the advance sheets with
27 headnotes, but the contract shall provide that the permanent

28 volumes of the Mississippi Reports shall not sell, within the
29 state, for a greater price than that approved by the Chief
30 Justice. The contractor shall mail directly to each circuit
31 judge, each chancellor, each district attorney, * * * each county
32 attorney, and each county board attorney the advance sheets at the
33 same time they are mailed out to other subscribers within the
34 state.

35 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 2001.