

By: Representative Smith (39th)

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1-1-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE SETS OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972 TO THE PARALEGAL
3 PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI AND MISSISSIPPI
4 UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 1-1-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 1-1-11. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this
9 section, the Joint Committee on Compilation, Revision and
10 Publication of Legislation shall distribute or provide for the
11 distribution of the sets of the compilation of the Mississippi
12 Code of 1972 purchased by the state as follows:

13 Fifty-seven (57) sets to the Mississippi House of
14 Representatives and forty (40) sets to the Mississippi Senate for
15 the use of the Legislative Reference Bureau, Legislative Services
16 Offices, staffs and committees thereof.

17 Ten (10) sets to the Governor's Office; nine (9) sets to the
18 Secretary of State; and twenty (20) sets to the Auditor's Office.

19 One (1) set to each of the following: the Lieutenant
20 Governor; each member of the Legislature; the Treasurer; each
21 district attorney; each county attorney; each judge of the Court
22 of Appeals and each judge of the Supreme, circuit, chancery,
23 county, family, justice and municipal courts; each Mississippi
24 Senator and Mississippi Representative in Congress; State
25 Superintendent of Education; Director of the Department of Finance
26 and Administration; six (6) sets to the Performance Evaluation and
27 Expenditure Review (PEER) Committee, two (2) sets to the Director
28 of the Legislative Budget Office; the Commissioner of Agriculture



29 and Commerce; each Mississippi Transportation Commissioner; six
30 (6) sets to the Department of Corrections; the Insurance
31 Commissioner; the Clerk of the Supreme Court; the State Board of
32 Health; each circuit clerk; each chancery clerk in the state for
33 the use of the chancery clerk and the board of supervisors; each
34 sheriff in the state for the use of his office and the county
35 officers; and each county for the county library (and an
36 additional set shall be given to each circuit clerk, chancery
37 clerk, sheriff and county library in counties having two (2)
38 judicial districts).

39 Two (2) sets to the Department of Archives and History; two
40 (2) sets to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission;
41 sixty-eight (68) sets to the Attorney General's Office; six (6)
42 sets to the Public Service Commission; four (4) sets to the Public
43 Utilities Staff; thirty-six (36) sets to the State Tax Commission;
44 two (2) sets to the State Personnel Board; six (6) sets to the
45 State Law Library; one (1) set to the Library of Congress; ten
46 (10) sets to the University of Mississippi Law School; one (1) set
47 each to the paralegal programs at the University of Southern
48 Mississippi and Mississippi University for Women; one (1) set each
49 to the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School
50 for the Blind; one (1) set each to the University of Mississippi,
51 Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women,
52 University of Southern Mississippi, Delta State University, Alcorn
53 State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi Valley
54 State University, and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions
55 of Higher Learning; and one (1) set to the Supreme Court judges'
56 conference room. In furtherance of the State Library's reciprocal
57 program of code exchange with libraries of the several states, the
58 joint committee shall, at the direction and only upon the written
59 request of the State Librarian, distribute or provide for the
60 distribution of sets of the code to such libraries.



61 One (1) set to each state junior or community college; three
62 (3) sets to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; two
63 (2) sets to the Department of Environmental Quality; two (2) sets
64 to the Department of Marine Resources; two (2) sets to the
65 Mississippi Ethics Commission; six (6) sets to the Mississippi
66 Workers' Compensation Commission; four (4) sets to the State
67 Department of Rehabilitation Services; and seven (7) sets to the
68 Department of Human Services. One (1) set to each of the
69 following: State Textbook Procurement Commission; University
70 Medical Center; State Library Commission; Department of
71 Agriculture and Commerce; Forestry Commission; and seventeen (17)
72 sets to the Department of Public Safety. Also, one (1) set to
73 each of the following: Adjutant General, Department of Economic
74 and Community Development, Department of Banking and Consumer
75 Finance, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management,
76 the State Educational Finance Commission, the Mississippi Board of
77 Vocational and Technical Education, Division of Medicaid, State
78 Board of Mental Health, and Department of Youth Services.

79 The joint committee is authorized to distribute or provide
80 for the distribution of additional sets of the Mississippi Code,
81 not to exceed three (3) sets, to the office of each district
82 attorney for the use of his assistants.

83 The joint committee shall provide to the Mississippi House of
84 Representatives and the Mississippi Senate the annual supplements
85 to the Mississippi Code of 1972 for each set of the code
86 maintained by the House and Senate.

87 The set of the Mississippi Code of 1972 to be provided to
88 each member of the Legislature shall be provided unless
89 specifically waived by such legislator in writing.

90 An elected or appointed officeholder in the State of
91 Mississippi, except for a member of the Legislature, shall deliver
92 to his successor in office, or to the joint committee if there is



93 no successor, the set of the Mississippi Code of 1972 provided the
94 officeholder under this section.

95 Before the joint committee delivers or provides for delivery
96 of a copy of the Mississippi Code of 1972 to an individual
97 officeholder, the joint committee shall prepare and submit a
98 written agreement to the officeholder. The agreement shall, among
99 other provisions, state that the code is the property of the State
100 of Mississippi, that it shall be transferred to the officeholder's
101 successor in office, that the officeholder has an obligation to
102 make such transfer and that the officeholder shall be responsible
103 for the failure to deliver the code and for any damage or
104 destruction to the code, normal wear and tear excepted. The joint
105 committee shall execute the agreement and forward it to the
106 officeholder for execution. The joint committee shall not deliver
107 or provide for delivery of the code to the officeholder until the
108 executed agreement is received by the committee. The joint
109 committee may include in the agreement such other provisions as it
110 may deem reasonable and necessary. In addition to damages or any
111 other remedy for not transferring a set of the code to his
112 successor, an officeholder who does not transfer his set of the
113 code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction,
114 pay a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Upon request of
115 the joint committee, the Attorney General shall assist the joint
116 committee in taking such actions as necessary to require an
117 officeholder to transfer the set of code provided under this
118 section to his successor, or to the joint committee if there is no
119 successor, and to recover reimbursement or damages from any
120 officeholder for the loss of or damage or destruction to any
121 volumes of the set of the code provided under this section, other
122 than normal wear and tear.

123 Replacement of missing, damaged or destroyed sets or volumes
124 of the code provided by this chapter may be obtained from the code



125 publisher through the joint committee at the established state
126 cost, the cost to be borne by the recipient.

127 No more than one (1) set of the Mississippi Code of 1972
128 shall be furnished to any one (1) individual, regardless of the
129 office or offices he may hold.

130 (2) The joint committee, in its discretion, may determine
131 whether electronic access to the Mississippi Code of 1972 is
132 available and a sufficient substitute for actual bound volumes of
133 the code and, if so, may omit furnishing any one or more sets
134 otherwise required by this section.

135 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
136 and after July 1, 2002.

