

By: Representatives Flaggs, Robinson (84th)

To: Public Buildings,
Grounds and Lands

HOUSE BILL NO. 1312

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 29-5-77 AND 29-5-79, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT, WITH REGARD TO THE NEW CAPITOL
3 BUILDING, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OR THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES MAY REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE OF OFFICERS APPOINTED
5 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ENFORCE THE
6 LAWS AT THE BUILDING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 29-5-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 29-5-77. The * * * Department of Finance and Administration
11 shall have jurisdiction relative to the enforcement of all laws of
12 the State of Mississippi on the properties set forth in Section
13 29-5-2 and the Court of Appeals Building; provided that, with
14 regard to the New Capitol Building, the Lieutenant Governor or the
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives may request the assistance
16 of officers appointed by the department and assigned to enforce
17 the laws at the building. The department is authorized and
18 directed through any person or persons appointed by the Department
19 of Finance and Administration or through the Department of Public
20 Safety when requested by the Department of Finance and
21 Administration, to make arrests for any violation of any law of
22 the State of Mississippi on such grounds of or within such
23 properties. The Department of Finance and Administration is
24 hereby empowered and directed to enforce the provisions of
25 Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-71 through 29-5-77, and
26 29-5-81 through 29-5-95, and to prescribe such rules and
27 regulations as are necessary therefor.

28 When in the opinion of the Governor or, in his absence, the
29 Lieutenant Governor, it is readily apparent that an emergency



30 exists which the persons appointed by the Department of Finance
31 and Administration are unable to control in the accomplishment of
32 the provisions of Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-71
33 through 29-5-77, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95 in regard to law
34 enforcement, then the Governor, or in his absence, the Lieutenant
35 Governor, may call upon the Department of Public Safety, members
36 of which shall have power to arrest and detain any persons
37 violating the provisions of the aforesaid sections, until such
38 person can be brought before the proper authorities for trial.

39 **SECTION 2.** Section 29-5-79, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
40 amended as follows:

41 29-5-79. (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives
42 and the Lieutenant Governor may make such regulations as they may
43 deem necessary for preserving the peace and securing the New
44 Capitol Building from defacement and for the protection of the
45 property therein. The Lieutenant Governor or the Speaker of the
46 House of Representatives may request the assistance of
47 the Department of Finance and Administration and the * * *
48 Department of Public Safety in order to preserve the peace at the
49 New Capitol Building and secure the New Capitol Building from
50 defacement and for the protection of the property therein.

51 (2) All regulations promulgated under authority of this
52 section shall be filed with the Secretary of State and * * * made
53 available for public inspection; the regulations shall likewise be
54 published in one (1) of the daily newspapers of the City of
55 Jackson and shall not become effective until the expiration of ten
56 (10) days after the date of the filing with the Secretary of State
57 and the publication.

58 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
59 and after its passage.

