

By: Senator(s) Ross

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2230

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 11-11-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO ALLOW CHANGE OR TRANSFER OF VENUE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF
3 PARTIES AND WITNESSES OR IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following provision shall be codified as

7 Section 11-11-18, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 11-11-18. (1) With respect to civil actions filed in an
9 appropriate venue where venue is not otherwise designated or
10 limited by statute, the court shall, for the convenience of
11 parties and witnesses or in the interest of justice, transfer any
12 civil action or any claim in any civil action to any court in
13 which the action might have been properly filed and the case shall
14 proceed as though originally filed therein.

15 (2) The right of a party to move for a change or transfer of
16 venue pursuant to this section is cumulative and in addition to
17 the rights of a party to move for a change or transfer of venue
18 pursuant to any other statute or the Mississippi Rules of Civil
19 Procedure.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 2003.

