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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1205

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO KEEP PERMANENT  
2 RECORDS OF ALL CRIMINAL CASES UNTIL APPLICABLE LIMITATIONS EXPIRE;  
3 TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ACT SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE PROVISIONS  
4 OF LAW RELATED TO THE JUSTICE INFORMATION CENTER; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Every law enforcement agency in the state shall  
8 keep and maintain permanent records of all criminal cases in the  
9 agency's jurisdiction until all applicable statutes of limitation  
10 shall have expired. If a record involves a crime for which there  
11 is no time limitation for prosecution, the law enforcement agency  
12 shall not destroy such record. The provisions of this section  
13 shall be supplemental to the provisions of Sections 45-27-1  
14 through 45-27-19 which provide for record keeping by the Justice  
15 Information Center.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
17 and after July 1, 2004.