

SENATE BILL NO. 2967

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 93-16-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING TO CLARIFY GRANDPARENTS'
3 VISITATION RIGHTS AFTER COURT DECISION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 93-16-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 brought forward as follows:

7 93-16-7. This chapter shall not apply to the granting of
8 visitation rights to the natural grandparents of any child who has
9 been adopted by order or decree of any court unless: (a) one (1)
10 of the legal parents of such child is also a natural parent of
11 such child; or (b) one (1) of the legal parents of such child was
12 related to the child by blood or marriage prior to the adoption.
13 This chapter shall apply to persons who become grandparents of a
14 child by virtue of adoption.

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