

By: Representative Fleming

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 154

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW ELDERLY VICTIMS OF CERTAIN CRIMES TO TESTIFY
2 BY DEPOSITIONS TAKEN AT HOME OR OTHER LOCATIONS AS SET BY THE
3 COURT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Discovery procedures in criminal cases shall be
6 in accordance with court rules.

7 The court may permit a person sixty (60) years of age or
8 older who is an alleged victim of financial exploitation, abuse or
9 neglect to testify by deposition taken at his or her residence or
10 another location subject to conditions set by the court.

11 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
12 and after July 1, 2005.