

By: Senator(s) Doxey

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2687

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-11-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CREATE THE CRIME OF ACCEPTING ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM A BAIL
3 AGENT FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
4 AND JUSTICE SYSTEMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-11-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 97-11-33. (1) If any judge, justice court judge, sheriff,
9 deputy sheriff, sheriff's employee, constable, assessor,
10 collector, clerk, county medical examiner, county medical examiner
11 investigator, employee of the Mississippi Department of
12 Corrections, employee of any contractor providing incarceration
13 services or any other officer, shall knowingly demand, take or
14 collect, under color of his office, any money fee or reward
15 whatever, not authorized by law, or shall demand and receive,
16 knowingly, any fee for service not actually performed, such
17 officer, so offending, shall be guilty of extortion, and, on
18 conviction, shall be punished by fine not exceeding Five Thousand
19 Dollars (\$5,000.00), or imprisonment for not more than five (5)
20 years, or both, and shall be removed from office.

21 (2) Any jailer, law enforcement officer, employee of a law
22 enforcement agency or court, employee or agent of an independent
23 contractor of a law enforcement agency or court, or any trusty or
24 inmate who takes anything of value from a bail agent or a person
25 impersonating a bail agent, other than things provided uniformly
26 to all persons similarly employed, shall be guilty of extortion
27 and punished as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

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