

By: Senator(s) Thomas

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2145

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 97-9-76, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CREATE THE CRIME OF FALSE RETURN OF SERVICE OF PROCESS AND TO
3 ENACT PENALTIES THEREFOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
6 97-9-76, Mississippi Code of 1972:

7 97-9-76. Any person who shall make or cause to be made any
8 false return of service of process shall be guilty of a felony and
9 upon conviction shall be fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars
10 (\$5,000.00) or imprisoned for a term not to exceed five (5) years,
11 or both.

12 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
13 and after July 1, 2007.