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**HOUSE BILL NO. 177**



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HOUSE BILL NO. 177

AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE APPLICATION OF FOREIGN LAWS IN JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THIS STATE; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO PROHIBIT THE USE AND ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN LAW UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICABILITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

**SECTION 1.** (1) In this section, "foreign law" means any law, rule, legal code or legal system other than the constitution, laws and ratified treaties of the United States and the territories of the United States, the constitution and laws of another state of the United States, Native American tribal law, the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, and the laws of this state.

(2) A court, arbitrator, administrative agency or other adjudicative, mediation or enforcement authority shall not enforce a foreign law if doing so would violate a right guaranteed to a natural person by the United States Constitution or the Mississippi Constitution of 1890.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2015.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
February 4, 2015



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE  
March 4, 2015



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



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