

By: Senator(s) Simmons (12th)

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2252

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-19-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE SENTENCING OF AN OFFENDER AS AN HABITUAL VIOLENT
3 OFFENDER BY REQUIRING BOTH PREVIOUS CRIMES TO HAVE BEEN CRIMES OF
4 VIOLENCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 99-19-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 99-19-83. Every person convicted in this state of a felony
9 who shall have been convicted twice previously of any felony or
10 federal crime upon charges separately brought and arising out of
11 separate incidents at different times and who shall have been
12 sentenced to and served separate terms of one (1) year or more,
13 whether served concurrently or not, in any state * * * or federal
14 penal institution, whether in this state or elsewhere, and
15 where * * * both of such felonies shall have been a crime of
16 violence, as defined by Section 97-3-2, shall be sentenced to life
17 imprisonment, and such sentence shall not be reduced or suspended
18 nor shall such person be eligible for parole, probation or any



19 other form of early release from actual physical custody within
20 the Department of Corrections.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2023.

