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Governor Musgrove Signs Administrative Procedures Bill

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has signed House Bill 651, creating the “Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law.” The legislation focuses on providing a uniform set of procedures and rules for state agencies and also opens the rule-making process in government to greater public participation.

“Our system of government is based on our people, and this legislation keeps that basis strong,” Musgrove said. “It provides an avenue for the public to be involved in the governmental process, and streamlines how our agencies operate so the people of Mississippi realize a more efficient use of their tax dollars.”

The legislation was passed in the House on January 22, and in the Senate on February 6.

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