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TO: JUDICIARY

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SENATE BILL NO. 2027

AN ACT TO DEFINE CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM; TO MAKE UNLAWFUL THE ACT OF CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM; TO PROHIBIT ASSEMBLAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM; TO PROVIDE THE PENALTY THEREFOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Criminal syndicalism as used in this Act is hereby defined to be the doctrine or precept which advocates, teaches or aids and abets the commission of crime, sabotage (which word is hereby defined as meaning wilful and malicious physical damages or injury to physical property), unlawful acts of violence and force, arson or other unlawful acts or methods of terrorism as a means of accomplishing or effecting a change in agricultural or industrial ownership or control or in effecting any political or social change or for profit.

SECTION 2. Any person who:

(1) By word of mouth or written words or personal conduct advocates, instigates, suggests, teaches or aids and abets criminal syndicalism or the duty, necessity, propriety or expediency of committing crime, criminal syndicalism, sabotage, violence or any other unlawful method of terrorism as a means of accomplishing or effecting a change in agricultural or industrial ownership or control or effecting any political or social change or for profit; or

(2) Openly, wilfully and deliberately by spoken or written words justifies, or attempts to justify, criminal syndicalism or the commission or the attempt to commit crime, sabotage, violence or other unlawful methods of terrorism with intent to exemplify, approve, spread, advocate, instigate, teach, aid, suggest or further the doctrine of criminal syndicalism; or

(3) Prints, publishes, edits, issues, circulates, sells, distributes, or publicly displays any book, paper, pamphlet, document, poster, handbill or written or printed matter in any form whatsoever containing, advocating, instigating, advising, suggesting, aiding and abetting or teaching criminal syndicalism; or

(4) Organizes or helps to organize or knowingly becomes a member of or voluntarily assembles with any society, organization, group or assemblage of persons organized, formed or assembled to advocate, teach, aid, and abet criminal syndicalism; or

(5) Willfully, by personal act or conduct, practices or commits any act advised, advocated, taught, or aided and abetted by the doctrine or precept of criminal syndicalism with intent to accomplish a change in agricultural or industrial ownership or control, or effecting any social or political change or for profit; is guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for a term of not less than one year or more than ten years or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 3. Whenever two or more persons assemble or consort for the purpose of advocating, encouraging, teaching or suggesting the doctrine of criminal syndicalism as defined in this Act, such assemblage is unlawful, and every person voluntarily participating therein by his presence, aid or instigation is guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for a term of not less than one year nor more than ten years, or by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 4. The owner, lessee, agent, superintendent, janitor, caretaker or other person in charge, or occupant of any place, building, room or rooms or structure who knowingly permits therein any assembly or consort of persons prohibited by the provisions of Section 3 of this Act or who, after notification by authorized public or peace officer that the place or premises, or any part thereof, is so used, permits such use to be continued in the county jail for not less than sixty days nor more than one year, or by fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this Act are severable. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or clause of this Act is for any reason held to be invalid, the remainder of this Act shall remain valid and enforceable.

SECTION 6. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.