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Scott Colom to challenge Cindy Hyde-Smith for U.S. Senate in MS

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A man Republican U.S. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith of Mississippi blocked from rising to the federal judiciary in 2022, is now seeking to unseat her in the 2026 Midterms.

Lowndes County District Attorney Scott Colom has officially thrown his hat into the ring for next year's U.S. Senate race.



Colom

Colom, who told the Clarion Ledger last week of his intention to run, had been talked up since May by state and national Democratic leadership, as well as a few politicians, as being a good fit to match incumbent Hyde-Smith. According to those close to Colom, he had been mulling a run since spring.

"I'm proud of my record as DA, but I think there's time that Mississippi had

a senator that's going to put her first, and I know that I'm that leader that's going to put Mississippi over D.C. politics," Colom said.

Colom specifically said he would part with practices made by Hyde-Smith, who is a huge supporter of President Donald Trump and typically votes on the party line. Trump also endorsed the two-time winning incumbent earlier this year.

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Police talk enforcing state laws on homeless

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Four months after Gov. Tate Reeves approved the third new state homeless law — that passed during the 2025 regular session — and nearly two months since they took effect, Jackson law enforcement agencies are still finalizing enforcement policies.

Three laws went into effect on July 1: House Bill 1197, the "Safe Solicitation Act," which requires those panhandling to obtain a permit that can cost up to \$25 per day; HB 1200, the "Real Property Owners Protection Act," which expedites the process of removing squatters; and HB 1203, which prohibits camping on public property.

Violating the policies could result in hundreds of dollars in fines and months-long jail sentences, raising concerns among police officials about worsening the already critical overcrowding at the county jail.

At a Wednesday, Aug. 27, meeting of the Select Committee on Capital and Metro Revitalization, Capitol Police

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Protesters gather at the Mississippi State Capitol in Jackson to highlight the essential role workers play in building the economy and protecting democracy on Labor Day, Sept. 1. The theme of the rally was "Workers Over Billionaires," showing unity in the workplace and at the ballot box. PHOTOS BY BARBARA GAUNTT/CLARION LEDGER

Protests resume in Jackson



M.D. Whitfield, left, of Clinton gathered with other protesters at the Mississippi State Capitol in Jackson.

AI shows how man might have been saved by rumble strips

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On a Sunday around 3 p.m. on Sept. 1, 2024, Robert Noah was traveling back to his home in Jackson from Oxford after having seen the Ole Miss season-opening football victory against Furman the previous day.

The 18-year-old was traveling along one of the most dangerous sections of one of the most dangerous roads in Mississippi, on Highway 7 in Grenada County. Witnesses suspect he was blinded by the afternoon sun going up a hill, drifted into oncoming traffic, and was killed in a head-on collision.

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