

By: Representatives Wallace, Thornton

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1179

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EVERY  
2 COUNTY AND THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF EVERY MUNICIPALITY SHALL  
3 PURCHASE AND MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE OR BOND TO INSURE ITS  
4 ELECTED AND APPOINTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS AGAINST LIABILITY FOR SUITS  
5 AND ACTIONS MAINTAINED AGAINST SUCH PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN THEIR  
6 OFFICIAL CAPACITY AND FOR WHICH SUCH PUBLIC OFFICIALS ARE NOT  
7 IMMUNE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. The board of supervisors of every county and the  
10 governing authorities of every municipality shall purchase and  
11 maintain liability insurance or bond in such amount as the board  
12 or governing authorities deems necessary to insure its elected and  
13 appointed public officials against liability that may arise out of  
14 suits brought and actions maintained against such public officials  
15 in their official capacity and for which such public officials are  
16 not immune, including suits based upon federal civil rights  
17 violations and other federal and state laws.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
19 and after October 1, 1999.