

By: Representatives Banks, Evans

To: County Affairs;
Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 1375

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CERTAIN
2 COUNTIES AND THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES
3 TO IMPOSE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IN CRIMINAL CASES; TO PROVIDE THAT
4 MONIES DERIVED FROM SUCH ASSESSMENT SHALL BE EXPENDED TO FUND LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT IMPROVEMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. The board of supervisors of any county with a
8 population in excess of two hundred thousand (200,000), in its
9 discretion, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its minutes,
10 may impose a special assessment in the amount of Ten Dollars
11 (\$10.00), in addition to all other fines, costs and penalties,
12 upon each defendant in a criminal case convicted in the justice
13 court, county court or circuit court. The clerk of the court
14 shall collect such assessment in the same manner as fines, costs
15 and other charges are collected, and shall forward the monies
16 derived from such assessment to the chancery clerk for deposit
17 into a special fund in the county treasury. Monies in the special
18 fund may be expended, upon approval and appropriation thereof by
19 the board of supervisors, to fund law enforcement improvements in
20 the county.

21 SECTION 2. The governing authorities of any municipality
22 with a population in excess of two hundred thousand (200,000), in
23 their discretion, by resolution duly adopted and entered on their
24 minutes, may impose a special assessment in the amount of Ten
25 Dollars (\$10.00), in addition to all other fines, costs and
26 penalties, upon each defendant in a criminal case convicted in the
27 municipal court. The clerk of the court shall collect such

28 assessment in the same manner as fines, costs and other charges
29 are collected, and shall forward the monies derived from such
30 assessment to the municipal clerk for deposit into a special fund
31 in the municipal treasury. Monies in the special fund may be
32 expended, upon approval and appropriation thereof by the governing
33 authorities of the municipality, to fund law enforcement
34 improvements in the municipality.

35 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 1999.