

By: Representatives Banks, Evans

To: County Affairs;
Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 1379

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY
2 AND THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF ANY MUNICIPALITY TO IMPOSE A
3 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IN CRIMINAL CASES; TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES
4 DERIVED FROM SUCH ASSESSMENT SHALL BE EXPENDED TO FUND PROGRAMS TO
5 REWARD PERSONS WHO PROVIDE INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND
6 CONVICTION OF CRIMINAL VIOLATORS AND FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND
7 REDUCTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. The board of supervisors of any county, in its
10 discretion, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its minutes,
11 may impose a special assessment in the amount of Two Dollars
12 (\$2.00), in addition to all other fines, costs and penalties, upon
13 each defendant in a criminal case convicted in the justice court,
14 county court or circuit court. The clerk of the court shall
15 collect such assessment in the same manner as fines, costs and
16 other charges are collected, and shall forward the monies derived
17 from such assessment to the chancery clerk for deposit into a
18 special fund in the county treasury. Monies in the special fund
19 may be expended, upon approval and appropriation thereof by the
20 board of supervisors, to fund programs to reward persons who
21 provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of
22 criminal violators and for crime prevention and reduction.

23 SECTION 2. The governing authorities of any municipality, in
24 their discretion, by resolution duly adopted and entered on their
25 minutes, may impose a special assessment in the amount of Two
26 Dollars (\$2.00), in addition to all other fines, costs and
27 penalties, upon each defendant in a criminal case convicted in the
28 municipal court. The clerk of the court shall collect such

29 assessment in the same manner as fines, costs and other charges
30 are collected, and shall forward the monies derived from such
31 assessment to the municipal clerk for deposit into a special fund
32 in the municipal treasury. Monies in the special fund may be
33 expended, upon approval and appropriation thereof by the governing
34 authorities of the municipality, to fund programs to reward
35 persons who provide information leading to the arrest and
36 conviction of criminal violators and for crime prevention and
37 reduction.

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