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To: County Affairs;  
Municipalities

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1121

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, 2000.