

By: Representative Guice

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 557

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-511, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROHIBIT MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN MUNICIPALITIES  
3 HAVING A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 175,000 FROM ENFORCING THE SPEED  
4 LIMIT ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 63-3-511, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 63-3-511. (1) Whenever local authorities, including boards  
9 of supervisors, within their respective jurisdictions, determine  
10 upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that  
11 the speed permitted under this article on any street, or any  
12 county road or any portion thereof, or at any intersection is  
13 greater than is reasonable or safe under conditions found to exist  
14 upon such street, or any county road or any portion thereof, or at  
15 such intersection, such local authorities shall determine and  
16 declare, by ordinance, a reasonable and safe speed limit, which  
17 shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof  
18 are erected on such street, or any county road or any portion  
19 thereof, or at such intersection, or upon the approaches thereto.  
20 However, no speed limit shall be fixed by any such local  
21 authorities at less than fifteen (15) miles per hour.

22 (2) The Commissioner of Corrections is authorized to  
23 establish by regulation reasonable and safe speed limits upon the  
24 roads of the correctional facilities under his jurisdiction which  
25 shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof  
26 are erected. Speed limits may be based upon road or traffic  
27 conditions or upon security considerations.



28       (3) Provided, however, that whenever the State Highway  
29 Commission shall, pursuant to Section 63-3-503, lower the maximum  
30 speed limit in response to federal laws, regulations or  
31 guidelines \* \* \*, local authorities, including boards of  
32 supervisors, shall immediately lower maximum speed limits on local  
33 highways, not to exceed the maximum speed established for state  
34 highways.

35       (4) It is unlawful for any municipal law enforcement officer  
36 in any municipality having a population of one hundred  
37 seventy-five thousand (175,000) or less, according to the latest  
38 Federal census, to enforce the speed limit on any interstate  
39 highway lying within the corporate limits of such municipality.

40       SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
41 and after July 1, 2001.

