AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-67, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE FINE FOR MALICIOUS MISCHIEF; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 97-17-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-17-67. Every person who shall maliciously or mischievously destroy, disfigure, or injure, or cause to be destroyed, disfigured, or injured, any property of another, either real or personal, shall be guilty of malicious mischief and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), or be imprisoned not exceeding twelve (12) months in the county jail or both. Anyone who by any word, deed or act directly or indirectly urges, aids, abets, suggests or otherwise instills in the mind of another the will to so act shall be considered a principal in the commission of said crime and shall be punished in the same manner.

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