HOUSE BILL NO. 1368

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO ACQUIRE CREDIT CARDS WHICH MAY BE USED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO PAY EXPENSES INCURRED WHEN TRAVELING IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The board of supervisors of any county may acquire one or more credit cards which may be used by members of the board of supervisors and county employees to pay expenses incurred by them when traveling in or out of the state in the performance of their official duties. The chancery clerk or county purchase clerk shall maintain complete records of all credit card numbers and all receipts and other documents relating to the use of such credit cards. The supervisors and county employees shall furnish receipts for the use of such credit cards each month to the chancery clerk or purchase clerk who shall submit a written report monthly to the board of supervisors. The report shall include an itemized list of all expenditures and use of the credit cards for the month, and such expenditures may be allowed for payment by the county in the same manner as other items on the claims docket. The issuance of a credit card to a supervisor or county employee under the provisions of this section does not authorize the supervisor or county employee to use the credit card to make any expenditure that is not otherwise authorized by law. Any supervisor or county employee who uses the credit card to make an expenditure that is not approved for payment by the board shall be personally liable for the expenditure and shall reimburse the county. The board of
supervisors shall not pay an annual fee for the use of the credit
card.

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