

By: Representatives Chism, Smith (39th),  
Harrison

To: Local and Private  
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1685

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOWNDES  
2 COUNTY AND THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS EACH  
3 TO CONTRACT OR ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE COLUMBUS-LOWNDES  
4 HUMANE SOCIETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING ANIMAL CONTROL  
5 ORDINANCES OF THE COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, in  
8 its discretion, and the governing authorities of the City of  
9 Columbus, in their discretion, each may contract or enter into  
10 agreement with the Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society for the purpose  
11 of enforcing animal control ordinances of the county or  
12 municipality, as the case may be. In exercising its authority  
13 under such agreements and ordinances, the Columbus-Lowndes Humane  
14 Society may enter upon private property for the purpose of  
15 pursuing and capturing estrays or wandering animals; however,  
16 neither the society nor any officer, employee or person associated  
17 with the society may exercise any authority or perform any act  
18 that may be exercised or performed only by a lawfully sworn law  
19 enforcement officer.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
21 and after its passage.