SENATE BILL NO. 2422
(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH IN THE STATE TREASURY THE ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT SERVICES FUND INTO WHICH SHALL BE DEPOSITED FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE FOR DEVELOPING AND PROVIDING ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO ESTABLISH AN ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN THE STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) There is established in the State Treasury the "Electronic Government Services Fund," into which shall be deposited specific funds appropriated by the Legislature for developing and providing electronic government services within the State of Mississippi. Any funds in the Electronic Government Services Fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, but shall be available for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year. The funds in the Electronic Government Fund shall be available for expenditure pursuant to specific appropriation by the Legislature beginning in Fiscal Year 2002, to the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, and shall be expended exclusively for developing and providing electronic media government services within the State of Mississippi.

(2) There is hereby established an Electronic Government Oversight Committee to oversee the implementation of E-Government and related technology initiatives. Duties of this committee would include: (a) develop and make recommendations for all expenditures from the Electronic Government Services Fund to be appropriated by the Legislature, in order to cut across state and
local governmental organizational structures; (b) address policy
issues such as privacy, security, transaction fees and
accessibility; (c) review ongoing fiscal and operational
management and support of portal; (d) provide a mechanism for
gathering input from citizens, businesses and government entities;
(e) encourage self-service models for citizens through state
websites and other electronic services; and (f) promote economic
development and efficient delivery of government services by
encouraging governmental and private sector entities to conduct
their business and transactions using electronic media. The
Electronic Government Oversight Committee shall be composed of the
following: (a) the Executive Director of the Mississippi
Department of Information Technology Services, who shall be the
chairman of the committee; (b) the State Auditor; (c) the State
Treasurer; (d) the Secretary of State; (e) the Executive Director
of the Department of Finance and Administration; (f) the Attorney
General; (g) the Chairman of the State Tax Commission; (h) the
Lieutenant Governor; (i) the Speaker of the House of
Representatives; and (j) the Governor. The committee shall
annually elect one (1) member to serve as vice chairman of the
committee, who shall act as chairman in the absence of the
chairman. The committee shall meet monthly or upon the call of
the chairman, and shall make necessary reports and recommendations
to the Legislature and the appropriate agencies of state
government. All agencies of state government shall cooperate with
the committee in providing requested information, and any
E-Government task force previously organized through the
Department of Information Technology Services or the Office of the
Governor shall work closely with and provide information to the
committee and shall report to the committee at its request. The
Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services shall
provide administrative support for the committee. Nonlegislative
members of the committee shall serve without compensation.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.