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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2422  
(As Sent to Governor)

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

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

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

24 (2) There is hereby established an Electronic Government  
25 Oversight Committee to oversee the implementation of E-Government  
26 and related technology initiatives. Duties of this committee  
27 would include: (a) develop and make recommendations for all  
28 expenditures from the Electronic Government Services Fund to be  
29 appropriated by the Legislature, in order to cut across state and

30 local governmental organizational structures; (b) address policy  
31 issues such as privacy, security, transaction fees and  
32 accessibility; (c) review ongoing fiscal and operational  
33 management and support of portal; (d) provide a mechanism for  
34 gathering input from citizens, businesses and government entities;  
35 (e) encourage self-service models for citizens through state  
36 websites and other electronic services; and (f) promote economic  
37 development and efficient delivery of government services by  
38 encouraging governmental and private sector entities to conduct  
39 their business and transactions using electronic media. The  
40 Electronic Government Oversight Committee shall be composed of the  
41 following: (a) the Executive Director of the Mississippi  
42 Department of Information Technology Services, who shall be the  
43 chairman of the committee; (b) the State Auditor; (c) the State  
44 Treasurer; (d) the Secretary of State; (e) the Executive Director  
45 of the Department of Finance and Administration; (f) the Attorney  
46 General; (g) the Chairman of the State Tax Commission; (h) the  
47 Lieutenant Governor; (i) the Speaker of the House of  
48 Representatives; and (j) the Governor. The committee shall  
49 annually elect one (1) member to serve as vice chairman of the  
50 committee, who shall act as chairman in the absence of the  
51 chairman. The committee shall meet monthly or upon the call of  
52 the chairman, and shall make necessary reports and recommendations  
53 to the Legislature and the appropriate agencies of state  
54 government. All agencies of state government shall cooperate with  
55 the committee in providing requested information, and any  
56 E-Government task force previously organized through the  
57 Department of Information Technology Services or the Office of the  
58 Governor shall work closely with and provide information to the  
59 committee and shall report to the committee at its request. The  
60 Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services shall  
61 provide administrative support for the committee. Nonlegislative  
62 members of the committee shall serve without compensation.

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