AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE STATE AGENCIES TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS, CHARGE CARDS, DEBIT CARDS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS FOR PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT FEES, COSTS AND DEBTS PURSUANT TO POLICIES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS, CHARGE CARDS, DEBIT CARDS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS FOR PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT FEES, COSTS AND DEBTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICIES ADOPTED BY THE STATE AUDITOR; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY FEES OR CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF SUCH ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS SHALL BE ASSESSED TO THE USER OF THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT AS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR PROCESSING THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT; TO AUTHORIZE MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO USE CREDIT CARDS TO PAY TRAVEL EXPENSES INCURRED 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 State Department of Finance and Administration shall establish policies that allow the payment of various fees and other accounts receivable to state agencies by electronic payment in the discretion of the department. Any fees or charges associated with the use of such electronic payments shall be assessed to the user of the electronic payment as an additional charge for processing the electronic payment, so that the user will pay the full cost of using the electronic payment.

SECTION 2. The board of supervisors of any county and the governing authorities of any municipality may allow the payment of various taxes, fees and other accounts receivable to the county or municipality by credit cards, charge cards, debit cards and other forms of electronic payment, in accordance with policies established by the State Auditor. Any fees or charges associated with the use of such electronic payments shall be assessed to the user of the electronic payment as an additional charge for payment.
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full cost of using the electronic payment.

SECTION 3. 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.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after its passage.