SENATE BILL NO. 3179
(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
COLUMBIA, MISSISSIPPI, TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT, IN ADDITION TO ANY
OTHER ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS, FOR EACH MISDEMEANOR CASE FILED
IN ITS MUNICIPAL COURT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AVAILS OF SUCH
ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT SHALL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE PINE BELT CRIME
STOPPERS PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The governing authorities of the City of
Columbia, Mississippi, in their discretion, are authorized, by
resolution duly adopted and entered on the minutes of the
governing authorities, to levy an assessment, in addition to any
other assessments and court costs, not to exceed One Dollar
($1.00) per case, for each misdemeanor case filed in the Municipal
Court of the City of Columbia.

(2) The avails of the additional assessment imposed pursuant
to subsection (1) of this section shall be paid monthly by the
City of Columbia to Pine Belt Crime Stoppers for use in procuring
information to aid authorities in the capture and conviction of
persons committing crimes and in support of good law enforcement.

(3) The provisions of this section shall be repealed from
and after July 1, 2002.

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