

By: Senator(s) Harvey

To: Local and Private

SENATE BILL NO. 3179
(As Sent to Governor)

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

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

8 SECTION 1. (1) The governing authorities of the City of
9 Columbia, Mississippi, in their discretion, are authorized, by
10 resolution duly adopted and entered on the minutes of the
11 governing authorities, to levy an assessment, in addition to any
12 other assessments and court costs, not to exceed One Dollar
13 (\$1.00) per case, for each misdemeanor case filed in the Municipal
14 Court of the City of Columbia.

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

20 (3) The provisions of this section shall be repealed from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

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