

By: Representatives Martinson, Mitchell

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1028

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-35-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EVERY COUNTY TO ADVERTISE
3 FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FOR SURVEYS, APPRAISALS,
4 MAPPING AND THE RELATED MAINTENANCE OR UPDATES FOR AD VALOREM
5 TAXATION PURPOSES AND GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS PURPOSES;
6 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-35-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 27-35-101. The board of supervisors of any county in this
11 state is hereby authorized in its discretion, to have the
12 cultivatable, uncultivable, or timbered lands of any owner, or
13 of the entire county or any part thereof, surveyed and the acreage
14 thereof determined and the value of the lands and of any timber,
15 buildings or improvements thereon appraised by a competent person
16 or persons, to be selected by the board of supervisors, the cost
17 thereof to be paid from the general county fund. The board of
18 supervisors of any county is hereby authorized to have the lots
19 and blocks or other tracts in the municipalities of the county
20 surveyed and the area determined, and the valuation thereof and of
21 any buildings, structures, or other improvements thereon,
22 appraised for the purpose of taxation in the same manner and at
23 the same time that lands outside of municipalities are surveyed
24 and appraised. Before entering into any contract for surveys,
25 mapping, appraisals and the related maintenance or updates for
26 taxation purposes or for geographical information systems purposes
27 that involves an expenditure of more than Fifty Thousand Dollars
28 (\$50,000.00), the board of supervisors shall issue publicly a
29 request for proposals concerning the specifications for such



30 services. The request for proposals shall be advertised in the
31 same manner as provided under Section 31-7-13(c) for seeking bids
32 for purchases that involve an expenditure of more than Ten
33 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). A request for proposals shall
34 contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial
35 responsibility, technology, legal responsibilities and other
36 relevant factors as determined relevant by the board of
37 supervisors. All factors determined relevant by the board of
38 supervisors or as required by this section shall be included in
39 the advertisement to elicit proposals. After responses to the
40 request for proposal or proposals have been received, the board of
41 supervisors shall select the most qualified proposal or proposals
42 on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and
43 from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, shall
44 negotiate and enter into contract with one or more persons or
45 firms submitting the proposals. If the board of supervisors deems
46 none of the proposals to be qualified or otherwise acceptable, the
47 request for proposals process may be reinitiated. When such
48 survey and appraisal is made, a permanent record thereof shall be
49 made and preserved by the clerk of the board of supervisors, to
50 which the tax assessor of the county shall at all times have
51 access.

52 The board of supervisors of any county in this state having
53 within its boundaries a municipality with a population in excess
54 of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) according to the latest
55 federal census, is authorized to secure from such municipality
56 surveys, appraisals and related materials made or caused to be
57 made by it for the valuation for assessment purposes of property
58 located in such municipality, and to pay to such municipality
59 therefor out of the general county fund such sum or sums as may be
60 agreed upon between such board of supervisors and the governing
61 authorities of such municipality, all of which may be done without



62 the necessity of publication of notice for or the reception of
63 bids.

64 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
65 and after July 1, 2002.

