An Act Relating to the Provision of Emergency Medical Services in the Counties; To Amend Section 19-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972, to Increase the Time Frame in Which Emergency Telecommunicators Have to Complete the Minimum Training Standards; To Bring Forward Section 19-5-355, Mississippi Code of 1972, Which Requires Requests for Emergency Telecommunications Training to Be Submitted to the Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training; To Amend Section 19-5-357, Mississippi Code of 1972, to Decrease the Service Charge Placed on All Telephone Lines to Fund the Minimum Standards Training Program; To Bring Forward Section 19-5-359, Mississippi Code of 1972, Which Requires Wireless Service Providers to Provide Access to Basic or Enhanced 911 Services; To Bring Forward Section 19-5-351, Mississippi Code of 1972, Which Creates and Prescribes the Membership of the Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training; To Bring Forward Section 19-5-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, Which Defines Among Others, the Term "Telecommunicator" as Used in the Laws Governing Emergency Telecommunications; To Amend Section 19-5-311, Mississippi Code of 1972, to Clarify That the Board of Commissioners of an Emergency Communications District May Select More than One Method for Responding to Emergency Calls; To Amend Section 19-5-313, Mississippi Code of 1972, to Decrease the Charge Levied Against Residential Telephone Lines and to Increase the Charge Levied Against Commercial Telephone Lines for the Support of Emergency Telephone Services; To Bring Forward Section 19-5-319, Mississippi Code of 1972, Which Provides That Information Received Through Emergency Telephone Calls Is Confidential; and for Related Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi:

SECTION 1. Section 19-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

19-5-353. (1) The initial minimum standard of training for local public safety and 911 telecommunicators shall be determined by the Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training. All courses approved for minimum standards shall be taught by instructors certified by the course originator as instructors for such courses.

(2) The minimum standards may be changed at any time by the Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training.
(3) Changes in the minimum standards may be made upon request from any bona fide public safety, emergency medical or fire organization operating within the State of Mississippi. Requests for change shall be in writing submitted to either the State Law Enforcement Training Academy; the State Fire Academy; the Mississippi Chapter of the Associated Public Safety Communications Officers, Incorporated; the Mississippi Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association; the Mississippi State Board of Health, Emergency Medical Services Division; the Mississippi Justice Information Center; the Mississippi Sheriff's Association; the Mississippi Fire Chief's Association; the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police; or Mississippians for Emergency Medical Service.

(4) The minimum standards in no way are intended to restrict or limit any additional training which any department or agency may wish to employ, or any state or federal required training, but to serve as a basis or foundation for basic training.

(5) Persons in the employment of any public safety, fire, 911 PSAP or emergency medical agency as a telecommunicator on July 1, 1993, shall have three (3) years to be certified in the minimum standards courses provided they have been employed by such agency for a period of more than one (1) year prior to July 1, 1993.

(6) Persons having been employed by any public safety, fire, 911 PSAP or emergency medical agency as a telecommunicator for less than one (1) year prior to July 1, 1993, shall be required to have completed all the requirements for minimum training standards, as set forth in Sections 19-5-351 through 19-5-361, within one (1) year from July 1, 1993. Persons certified on or before July 1, 1993, in any course or courses chosen shall be given credit for these courses, provided the courses are still current and such persons can provide a course completion certificate.
(7) Any person hired to perform the duties of a telecommunicator in any public safety, fire, 911 PSAP or emergency medical agency after July 1, 1993, shall complete the minimum training standards as set forth in Sections 19-5-351 through 19-5-361 within twenty-four (24) months of their employment or within twenty-four (24) months from the date that the Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training shall become operational.

(8) Professional certificates remain the property of the board, and the board reserves the right to either reprimand the holder of a certificate, suspend a certificate upon conditions imposed by the board, or cancel and recall any certificate when:

(a) The certificate was issued by administrative error;
(b) The certificate was obtained through misrepresentation or fraud;
(c) The holder has been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude;
(d) The holder has been convicted of a felony; or
(e) Other due cause as determined by the board.

When the board believes there is a reasonable basis for either the reprimand, suspension, cancellation of, or recalling the certification of a telecommunicator, notice and opportunity for a hearing shall be provided. Any telecommunicator aggrieved by the findings and order of the board may file an appeal with the chancery court of the county in which such person is employed from the final order of the board. Any telecommunicator whose certification has been cancelled pursuant to Sections 19-5-351 through 19-5-361 may reapply for certification but not sooner than two (2) years after the date on which the order of the board canceling such certification became final.

(9) Any state agency, political subdivision or "for-profit" ambulance, security or fire service company, that employs a person as a telecommunicator who does not meet the requirements of
Sections 19-5-351 through 19-5-361, or who employs a person whose certificate has been suspended or revoked under provisions of Sections 19-5-351 through 19-5-361, is prohibited from paying the salary of such person, and any person violating this subsection shall be personally liable for making such payment.

(10) These minimum standards and time limitations shall in no way conflict with other state and federal training as may be required to comply with established laws or regulations.

SECTION 2. Section 19-5-355, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

19-5-355. (1) When it shall be determined that training is required, a request for training shall be submitted to the Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training for approval of course, course location, estimated cost and base weekly salary of the telecommunicator to attend the course of instruction. Upon approval of training and successful completion of the training course, all expenses associated with the obtaining of such training shall be reimbursed. The local government entity or emergency service provider shall be reimbursed for the full salary and benefits of each telecommunicator completing such training.

(2) Upon completion of any course required in these minimum training standards, each telecommunicator shall be issued a certificate which shall signify successful completion of such training. When all minimum standards training has been met, copies of certificates of course completion shall be forwarded to the Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training which will then issue "Certification of Minimum Standards" to such telecommunicator. Certifications shall be issued separately for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service telecommunicators.

SECTION 3. Section 19-5-357, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
19-5-357. (1) From and after July 1, 1993, a service charge of Four Cents (4¢) shall be placed on each subscriber service line within the State of Mississippi. This service charge shall apply equally to both private and business lines and shall apply to all service suppliers operating within the State of Mississippi. This subscriber service charge level shall be reviewed periodically to determine if the service charge level is adequate or excessive, and adjustments may be made accordingly.

(2) Every billed service user shall be liable for any service charge imposed under this section until it has been paid to the service supplier. The duty of the service supplier to collect any such service charge shall commence upon the date of its implementation. Any such minimum standards telephone service charge shall be added to, and may be stated separately in, the billing by the service supplier to the service user.

(3) The service supplier shall have no obligation to take any legal action to enforce the collection of any emergency telephone service charge. However, the service supplier shall annually provide the Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training with a list of the amount uncollected, together with the names and addresses of those service users who carry a balance that can be determined by the service supplier to be nonpayment of such service charge. The service charge shall be collected at the same time as the tariff rate in accordance with the regular billing practice of the service supplier. Good faith compliance by the service supplier with this provision shall constitute a complete defense to any legal action which may result from the service supplier’s determination of nonpayment and/or the identification of service users in connection therewith.

(4) The amounts collected by the service supplier attributable to the minimum standards telephone service charge shall be deposited monthly into a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury. The amount of service charge collected each
month by the service supplier shall be remitted to the special
fund no later than sixty (60) days after the close of the month.
A return, in such form as prescribed by the State Tax Commission,
shall be filed with the Tax Commission, together with a remittance
of the amount of service charge collected payable to the special
fund. The service supplier shall maintain records of the amount
of service charge collected for a period of at least three (3)
years from date of collection. From the gross receipts to be
remitted to the special fund, the service supplier shall be
entitled to retain as an administrative fee, an amount equal to
one percent (1%) thereof. This service charge is a state fee and
is not subject to any sales, use, franchise, income, excise or any
other tax, fee or assessment, and shall not be considered revenue
of the service supplier for any purpose. All administrative
provisions of the Mississippi Sales Tax Law, including those which
fix damages, penalties and interest for nonpayment of taxes and
for noncompliance with the provisions of such chapter, and all
other duties and requirements imposed upon taxpayers, shall apply
to all persons liable for fees under the provisions of this
chapter, and the Tax Commissioner shall exercise all the power and
authority and perform all the duties with respect to taxpayers
under this chapter as are provided in the Mississippi Sales Tax
Law except where there is a conflict, then the provisions of this
chapter shall control.

(5) The proceeds generated by the minimum standards service
charge shall primarily be used by the board pursuant to
legislative appropriation to fund the minimum standards training
program for public safety telecommunicators within the State of
Mississippi. These funds shall be applied on a first-come
first-served basis, which shall be determined by the date of
application. All city, county and state public safety
telecommunicators, including those employed by city and/or county
supported ambulance services and districts, shall be eligible to
receive these funds to meet minimum standards training requirements. No "for-profit" ambulance, security or fire service company operating in the private sector shall be qualified to receive these minimum standards training funds unless the company is on contract with a local government to provide primary emergency response. Law enforcement officers, fire and emergency medical personnel who are used as part-time or "fill-in" telecommunicators shall also be eligible to receive funding for this minimum standards training, provided they serve at least eight (8) hours per month as a telecommunicator. However, emergency medical personnel who are used as part-time or "fill-in" telecommunicators and are employed by any for-profit ambulance company operating in the private sector shall be eligible to receive funding for the minimum standards training, provided they serve at least twenty (20) hours per week as a telecommunicator. These funds may also be expended by the Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training to administer the minimum standards program for such things as personnel, office equipment, computer software, supplies and other necessary expenses.

(6) The Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training shall be authorized to reimburse any public safety agency or emergency medical service for meals, lodging, travel, course fees and salary during the time spent training, upon successful completion of such course. Funds may also be expended to train certain individuals to become certified instructors of the various courses included in these minimum standards in order to conduct training within the State of Mississippi.

(7) If the proceeds generated by the minimum standards service charge exceed the amount of monies necessary to fund the service, the Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training may authorize such excess funds to be available for advanced training, upgraded training and recertification of
instructors. Any funds remaining at the close of any fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund but shall be carried over to the next fiscal year to be used as a beginning balance for the fiscal requirements of such year.

SECTION 4. Section 19-5-359, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

19-5-359. (1) Any service supplier operating within the State of Mississippi shall be required to provide access to the locally designated PSAP by dialing the three (3) digits "911" from any telephone subscriber line within such service area. Where technically available, each service supplier shall, at a county's request, provide "Enhanced 911" services. Where this capability does not technically exist, "Basic 911" shall be available as a minimum.

(2) From and after December 31, 1993, any person, corporation or entity operating a "shared tenant service" type of telephone system shall be required to provide as a minimum the location and telephone number information for each and every extension or user on such "shared tenant" system to the regulated local exchange telephone service provider where the service provider can utilize such information in the delivery of "Enhanced 911" emergency telephone service. This information shall consist of data in a format that is compatible with the service supplier's requirements in order to provide such location and telephone number information automatically in the event a call to 911 is placed from such a system. It shall be the responsibility of the operator or provider of "STS" telephone services to maintain the data pertaining to each extension operating on such system.

(3) Any CMRS providers operating within the State of Mississippi shall be required to have all trunks or service lines supplying all cellular sites and personal communications network sites contain the word "cellular" in the service supplier listing.
for each trunk or service line to facilitate operator
identification of cellular and PCN telephone calls placed to 911.

(4) Any service suppliers engaged in the offering or
operating of "Centrex" or "ESSX" telephone service within the
State of Mississippi shall cause the actual location of all
extensions operating in this service to be displayed at the PSAP
whenever a 911 call is placed from said extension. This feature
shall not be required in areas where Enhanced 911 is not in
operation but shall be required should such area upgrade to
Enhanced 911 service.

(5) Any local exchange telephone service suppliers offering
"quick-serve" or "soft" dial tone shall provide address location
information to the PSAP operating in the area where the
"quick-serve" or "soft" dial tone is in operation so that the PSAP
may have this address information displayed should a call to 911
be placed from such location. It shall be the responsibility of
the service supplier to determine in which emergency service
number area the "quick-serve" or "soft" dial tone is located.

(6) Any service suppliers operating within the State of
Mississippi and providing Enhanced 911 telephone service shall
have a reasonable time period, not to exceed five (5) years, to
comply with data and operational standards as they are set forth
by the National Emergency Number Association. This time period
shall apply to data format, equipment supplied for PSAP use and
for the length of time required for data updates relating to
service user address information, emergency service number updates
and other data updates as may be required.

SECTION 5. Section 19-5-361, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
brought forward as follows:

19-5-361. Any Emergency 911 telephone service supplier and
Emergency 911 CMRS provider operating within the State of
Mississippi, its employees, directors, officers, agents and
subcontractors, shall be entitled to receive the limitations of
liability as provided to the state, or any agency or local

government of the state, pursuant to Section 11-46-15, Mississippi


SECTION 6. Section 19-5-351, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
brought forward as follows:

19-5-351. (1) There is hereby created the Board of
Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training, which shall
consist of twelve (12) members and shall operate with the
administrative assistance of the Office of Law Enforcement
Planning, Department of Public Safety.

(2) The Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and
Training shall consist of one (1) representative from each of the
following: the Law Enforcement Training Academy; the State Fire
Academy; the Mississippi Chapter of the Associated Public Safety
Communications Officers, Incorporated; the Mississippi Chapter of
the National Emergency Number Association; the State Board of
Health, Emergency Medical Services Division; the Mississippi
Justice Information Center; the Mississippi Sheriff's Association;
the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Association; the
Mississippi Fire Chief's Association; the Mississippi Association
of Chiefs of Police; the Mississippians for Emergency Medical
Service Association; and a representative from the county wherein
a nuclear facility is located. Each member organization shall
have one (1) vote in the selection of training programs, for a
total of twelve (12) votes. A majority vote shall decide all
matters brought before the board.

(a) The initial term limits of the board shall be
according to the following:

(i) Associated Public Safety Communications
Officers' appointee, one (1) year.

(ii) Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers'
Association appointee, one (1) year.
(iii) Mississippi Fire Chief's Association appointee, one (1) year.
(iv) National Emergency Number Association appointee, two (2) years.
(v) Mississippi Sheriff's Association appointee, two (2) years.
(vi) Mississippians for Emergency Medical Service Association appointee, two (2) years.
(vii) Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police appointee, two (2) years.
(viii) The county wherein is located a nuclear facility shall have one (1) appointee for two (2) years.

(b) After the initial period, each appointee of the associations listed above shall serve for terms of four (4) years each, but may be replaced at any time by the association appointing such representative.

(c) The remaining four (4) members of the board shall serve at the discretion of the director of the agency represented.

(3) Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for any actual and reasonable expenses incurred as a necessary incident to such service, including mileage, as provided in Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(4) There shall be a chairman and a vice chairman of the board elected by and from the membership of the board. The board shall adopt rules and regulations governing times and places for meetings and governing the manner of conducting its business, but the board shall meet at least every six (6) months.

(5) The Director of the Office of the Board on Law Enforcement Standards and Training shall call an organizational meeting of the board not later than thirty (30) days after July 1, 1993.
The board shall report annually to the Governor and the Legislature on its activities and may make such other reports as it deems desirable.

SECTION 7. Section 19-5-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

19-5-303. For purposes of Sections 19-5-301 through 19-5-317, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Exchange access facilities" shall mean all lines provided by the service supplier for the provision of local exchange service as defined in existing general subscriber services tariffs.

(b) "Tariff rate" shall mean the rate or rates billed by a service supplier as stated in the service supplier's tariffs and approved by the Public Service Commission, which represent the service supplier's recurring charges for exchange access facilities, exclusive of all taxes, fees, licenses or similar charges whatsoever.

(c) "District" shall mean any communications district created pursuant to Sections 19-5-301 et seq., or by local and private act of the State of Mississippi.

(d) "Service supplier" shall mean any person providing exchange telephone service to any service user throughout the county.

(e) "Service user" shall mean any person, not otherwise exempt from taxation, who is provided exchange telephone service in the county or state.

(f) "E911" shall mean Enhanced Universal Emergency Number Service or Enhanced 911 Service, which is a telephone exchange communications service whereby a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) designated by the county or local communications district may receive telephone calls dialed to the telephone number 911. E911 Service includes lines and equipment necessary
for the answering, transferring and dispatching of public
emergency telephone calls originated by persons within the serving
area who dial 911. Enhanced 911 Service includes the displaying
of the name, address and other pertinent caller information as may
be supplied by the service supplier.

(g) "Basic 911" shall mean a telephone service
terminated in designated Public Safety Answering Points accessible
by the public through telephone calls dialed to the telephone
number 911. Basic 911 is a voice service and does not display
address or telephone number information.

(h) "Shared tenant services (STS)" shall mean any
telephone service operation supplied by a party other than a
regulated local exchange telephone service supplier for which a
charge is levied. Such services shall include, but not be limited
to, apartment building systems, hospital systems, office building
systems and other systems where dial tone is derived from
connection of tariffed telephone trunks or lines connected to a
private branch exchange telephone system.

(i) "Private branch exchange (PBX)" shall mean any
telephone service operation supplied by a party other than a
regulated local exchange telephone service supplier for which a
charge is not levied. Such services are those where tariffed
telephone trunks or lines are terminated into a central switch
which is used to supply dial tone to telephones operating within
that system.

(j) "Off-premise extension" shall mean any telephone
connected to a private branch exchange or a shared tenant service
which is in a different building or location from the main
switching equipment and, therefore, has a different physical
address.

(k) "Centrex" or "ESSX" shall mean any variety of
services offered in connection with any tariffed telephone service
in which switching services and other dialing features are
provided by the regulated local exchange telephone service

(1) "Commercial mobile radio service" or "CMRS" shall mean commercial mobile radio service under Sections 3(27) and 332(d) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 USCS Section 151 et seq., and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Public Law 103-66. The term includes the term "wireless" and service provided by any wireless real time two-way voice communication device, including radio-telephone communications used in cellular telephone service, personal communication service, or the functional or competitive equivalent of a radio-telephone communications line used in cellular telephone service, a personal communication service, or a network radio access line. The term does not include service whose customers do not have access to 911 or to a 911-like service, to a wireless roaming service or other nonlocal radio access line service, or to a private telecommunications system.

(m) "Telecommunicator" shall mean any person engaged in or employed as a telecommunications operator by any public safety, fire or emergency medical agency whose primary responsibility is the receipt or processing of calls for emergency services provided by public safety, fire or emergency medical agencies or the dispatching of emergency services provided by public safety, fire or emergency medical agencies and who receives or disseminates information relative to emergency assistance by telephone or radio.

(n) "Public safety answering point (PSAP)" shall mean any point of contact between the public and the emergency services such as a 911 answering point or, in the absence of 911 emergency telephone service, any other point of contact where emergency telephone calls are routinely answered and dispatched or transferred to another agency.
(o) "Local exchange telephone service" shall mean all lines provided by a service supplier as defined in existing general subscriber tariffs.

SECTION 8. Section 19-5-311, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

19-5-311. The emergency telephone system shall, when so authorized by a vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the county voting on the proposal in an election held for that purpose, be designed to have the capability of utilizing at least one (1) of the following three (3) methods in response to emergency calls:

(a) "District dispatch method," which is a telephone service to a centralized dispatch center providing for the dispatch of an appropriate emergency service unit upon receipt of a telephone request for such services and a decision as to the proper action to be taken, including an E911 system.

(b) "Relay method," which is a telephone service whereby pertinent information is noted by the recipient of a telephone request for emergency services and is relayed to appropriate public safety agencies or other providers of emergency services for dispatch of an emergency service unit.

(c) "Transfer method," which is a telephone service which receives telephone requests for emergency services and directly transfers such requests to an appropriate public safety agency or other provider of emergency services.

The board of commissioners shall select the method or methods which it determines to be the most feasible for the county.

SECTION 9. Section 19-5-313, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

19-5-313. (1) The board of supervisors may levy an emergency telephone service charge in an amount not to exceed Ninety Cents (90¢) per residential telephone subscriber line per month and Two Dollars and Ten Cents ($2.10) per commercial
telephone subscriber line per month for exchange telephone
service. Any emergency telephone service charge shall have
uniform application and shall be imposed throughout the entirety
of the district to the greatest extent possible in conformity with
availability of such service in any area of the district. Those
districts which exist on the date of enactment of Chapter 539,
Laws of 1993, shall convert to the following structure for service
charge levy: If the current charge is five percent (5%) of the
basic tariff service rate, the new collection shall be Eighty
Cents ($0.80) per month per residential subscriber line and One
Dollar and Sixty Cents ($1.60) per month per commercial subscriber
line. The collections may be adjusted as outlined in Chapter 539,
Laws of 1993, and within the limits set forth herein.

(2) If the proceeds generated by the emergency telephone
service charge exceed the amount of monies necessary to fund the
service, the board of supervisors may authorize such excess funds
to be expended by the county and the municipalities in the
counties to perform the duties and pay the costs relating to
identifying roads, highways and streets, as provided by Section
65-7-143. The board of supervisors shall determine how the funds
are to be distributed in the county and among municipalities in
the county for paying the costs relating to identifying roads,
highways and streets. The board of supervisors may temporarily
reduce the service charge rate or temporarily suspend the service
charge if the proceeds generated exceed the amount that is
necessary to fund the service and/or to pay costs relating to
identifying roads, highways and streets. Such excess funds may
also be used in the development of county or district
communications and paging systems when used primarily for the
alerting and dispatching of public safety entities and for other
administrative costs such as management personnel, maintenance
personnel and related building and operational requirements. Such
excess funds may be placed in a depreciation fund for emergency
and obsolescence replacement of equipment necessary for the
operation of the overall 911 emergency telephone and alerting
systems.

(3) No such service charge shall be imposed upon more than
twenty-five (25) exchange access facilities per person per
location. Trunks or service lines used to supply service to CMRS
providers shall not have a service charge levied against them.
Every billed service user shall be liable for any service charge
imposed under this section until it has been paid to the service
supplier. The duty of the service supplier to collect any such
service charge shall commence upon the date of its implementation,
which shall be specified in the resolution for the installation of
such service. Any such emergency telephone service charge shall
be added to and may be stated separately in the billing by the
service supplier to the service user.

(4) The service supplier shall have no obligation to take
any legal action to enforce the collection of any emergency
telephone service charge. However, the service supplier shall
annually provide the board of supervisors and board of
commissioners with a list of the amount uncollected, together with
the names and addresses of those service users who carry a balance
that can be determined by the service supplier to be nonpayment of
such service charge. The service charge shall be collected at the
same time as the tariff rate in accordance with the regular
billing practice of the service supplier. Good faith compliance
by the service supplier with this provision shall constitute a
complete defense to any legal action or claim which may result
from the service supplier’s determination of nonpayment and/or the
identification of service users in connection therewith.

(5) The amounts collected by the service supplier
attributable to any emergency telephone service charge shall be
due the county treasury monthly. The amount of service charge
collected each month by the service supplier shall be remitted to
the county no later than sixty (60) days after the close of the month. A return, in such form as the board of supervisors and the service supplier agree upon, shall be filed with the county, together with a remittance of the amount of service charge collected payable to the county. The service supplier shall maintain records of the amount of service charge collected for a period of at least two (2) years from date of collection. The board of supervisors and board of commissioners shall receive an annual audit of the service supplier's books and records with respect to the collection and remittance of the service charge. From the gross receipts to be remitted to the county, the service supplier shall be entitled to retain as an administrative fee, an amount equal to one percent (1%) thereof. From and after March 10, 1987, the service charge is a county fee and is not subject to any sales, use, franchise, income, excise or any other tax, fee or assessment and shall not be considered revenue of the service supplier for any purpose.

(6) In order to provide additional funding for the district, the board of commissioners may receive federal, state, county or municipal funds, as well as funds from private sources, and may expend such funds for the purposes of Section 19-5-301 et seq.

SECTION 10. Section 19-5-319, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

19-5-319. (1) Automatic number identification (ANI), automatic location identification (ALI) and geographic automatic location identification (GeoALI) information that consist of the name, address and telephone number of telephone or wireless subscribers shall be confidential, and the dissemination of the information contained in the 911 automatic number and location data base is prohibited except for the following purpose: the information will be provided to the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) on a call-by-call basis only for the purpose of handling emergency calls or for training, and any permanent record of the
information shall be secured by the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and disposed of in a manner which will retain that security, except upon court order or subpoena from a court of competent jurisdiction or as otherwise provided by law.

(2) All emergency telephone calls and telephone call transmissions received pursuant to Section 19-5-301 et seq., and all recordings of the emergency telephone calls, shall remain confidential and shall be used only for the purposes as may be needed for law enforcement, fire, medical rescue or other emergency services. These recordings shall not be released to any other parties without court order or subpoena from a court of competent jurisdiction.

(3) PSAP and emergency response entities shall maintain and, upon request, release a record of the date of call, time of call, the time the emergency response entity was notified, and the identity of the emergency response entity. The emergency response entity shall maintain and, upon request, release a record of the date and time the call was received by the emergency response entity and the time the emergency response entity arrived on the scene. Requests for release of records must be made in writing and must specify the information desired. Requestors shall pay the cost of providing the information requested in accordance with the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, Section 25-61-1 et seq. The identity of any caller or person or persons who are the subject of any call, or the address, phone number or other identifying information about any such person, shall not be released except as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2002.