

By: Representative Brown

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1681

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HINDS COUNTY
2 TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS IN CERTAIN CASES FOR THE PURPOSE
3 OF FUNDING A DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM OR SIMILAR
4 PROGRAM IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Board of Supervisors of Hinds County,
7 Mississippi, in its discretion, by resolution duly adopted and
8 entered on its minutes, may require the imposition of the
9 following additional court costs in the justice, county and
10 circuit courts situated within the county:

11 (a) Upon each person convicted under the Mississippi
12 Implied Consent Law, the Controlled Substances Law or for
13 illegally selling or purchasing alcoholic beverages, light wine or
14 beer, the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00); and

15 (b) Upon each person convicted of any misdemeanor other
16 than those specified under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the
17 amount of Five Dollars (\$5.00).

18 (2) The resolution adopted by the board of supervisors shall
19 include a statement of the board's intent to impose the additional
20 court costs, the purpose therefor and the date on which the courts
21 will begin to impose the additional court costs.

22 (3) The avails of any additional court costs imposed under
23 subsection (1) of this section shall be used to fund the
24 implementation of a Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program or
25 similar program designed to deter the abuse of drugs in the county
26 school district and/or any separate school district that
27 encompasses territory within Hinds County and any adjoining county
28 or counties, as specified in the resolution. The board of



29 supervisors shall determine, in its discretion, if it will
30 contribute funds and the amount thereof, if any, for such a
31 program in a separate school district that encompasses territory
32 within an adjoining county or counties.

33 (4) Upon the adoption of the resolution stating its intent
34 to impose the additional court costs, the board of supervisors
35 shall provide for the creation of a special county fund in which
36 all court costs collected under subsection (1) of this section
37 shall be deposited. Monies in the special fund shall be used for
38 the sole purpose of defraying the costs of the Drug Abuse
39 Resistance Education Program or similar program.

40 (5) The clerks of the respective courts shall deposit and
41 account for the additional court costs collected under subsection
42 (1) of this section in the same manner as fines collected in those
43 courts.

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

