AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-3-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CERTAIN COUNTIES, AND THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, TO SUBMIT TO THE STATE AUDITOR A CERTIFIED, ITEMIZED LISTING OF EXPENDITURES MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVERTISING AND BRINGING INTO FAVORABLE NOTICE THE RESOURCES OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

17-3-1. (1) The board of supervisors of any county in Mississippi, and the mayor and board of aldermen or board of commissioners of any municipality in the State of Mississippi, may in their discretion, set aside, appropriate and expend monies, not to exceed one (1) mill of their respective valuation and assessment for the purpose of advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of such municipality or county.

(2) For any county or municipality with a population greater than thirty thousand (30,000), the board of supervisors of the county, or the mayor and governing board of the municipality, shall prepare and submit to the State Auditor no later than ninety (90) days after the close of the fiscal year a certified, itemized listing of all expenditures authorized under subsection (1). Such listing shall be in a format prescribed by the State Auditor.

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