

*****Adopted*****

AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Bill NO. 2965

By Representative(s) Committee

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-41-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:
7 25-41-15. The chancery courts of this state shall have the
8 authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter upon
9 application of any citizen of the state, and shall have the
10 authority to issue injunctions or writs of mandamus to accomplish
11 that purpose. If a court finds that a public body has willfully
12 and knowingly violated the provisions of this chapter, the
13 individual members of that public body shall be liable civilly in
14 a sum not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), plus all
15 reasonable expenses incurred by such person or persons bringing
16 the lawsuit.

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

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-41-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS
3 LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.