

**\*\*\*Pending\*\*\*  
AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill NO. 635**

**By Senator(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 the court finds that a public body has willfully  
12 and knowingly violated the provisions of this chapter, the court  
13 may impose a civil penalty upon the public body in a sum not to  
14 exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The court may also impose  
15 on the public body an amount not to exceed the total of all  
16 reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred by the  
17 person or persons in bringing the suit.

18           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
19 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 REVISE THE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS FOR THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW;  
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.