

By: Representative Ellington

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 66

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-1-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT THE PROPERTY OF A NEWLY ANNEXED AREA IS EXEMPT FROM  
3 MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES UNTIL THE MUNICIPALITY HAS PROVIDED THE  
4 SERVICES WHICH ARE LISTED IN THE ORDINANCE THAT THE MUNICIPALITY  
5 IS REQUIRED TO PASS; TO AMEND SECTION 21-33-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
6 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED  
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-1-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 21-1-61. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)  
12 of this section, in all cases where a municipality is created or  
13 the limits of an existing municipality are enlarged under the  
14 provisions of this chapter, the property included within the  
15 municipal boundaries by such creation or enlargement shall become  
16 liable for and subject to municipal ad valorem taxation on the tax  
17 lien date next succeeding the effective date of the decree  
18 creating or enlarging such municipality.

19 (2) Beginning July 1, 2003, whenever the corporate  
20 boundaries of any municipality are enlarged under the provisions  
21 of this chapter, the property of the territory proposed to be  
22 annexed shall be exempt from all municipal ad valorem taxes until  
23 those services that the municipality proposed to render in the  
24 ordinance adopted under Section 21-1-27 are provided. However,  
25 such property shall be liable for and subject to all other taxes  
26 levied by the county in which the municipality is located.

27 **SECTION 2.** Section 21-33-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
28 amended as follows:



29           21-33-1. Except as otherwise provided under Section  
30 21-1-61(2), all lands and other taxable property subject to  
31 assessment, held by any person within the municipality, or in  
32 added territory, on the first day of January, shall be assessed,  
33 and ad valorem taxes thereon levied and collected for the ensuing  
34 year, excepting motor vehicles as defined by the "Motor Vehicle Ad  
35 Valorem Tax Law of 1958," Sections 27-51-1 through 27-51-107.

36           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
37 and after July 1, 2003.

