

By: Representatives Denny, Wallace, Flaggs

To: Municipalities

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1204

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-37-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF A MUNICIPALITY TO  
3 DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE PARKING REGULATIONS; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-37-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 21-37-29. The governing authorities of any municipality in  
9 this state are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, lease  
10 or otherwise acquire, and to install and maintain parking meters  
11 for the regulation of the parking of vehicles on the municipal  
12 streets. When such parking meters are installed and operated by  
13 any municipality, the governing authorities thereof shall have the  
14 power to prescribe, by ordinance, reasonable rules and regulations  
15 for the use and operation of same, and to provide and prescribe  
16 penalties for the violation of such rules and regulations. Such  
17 governing authorities may also fix, prescribe, and collect fees  
18 for the use of the parking space adjacent to any such meters and  
19 to require that such fee shall be paid by the deposit of the  
20 appropriate coin or coins in such meters.

21 The governing authorities of a municipality may, by  
22 ordinance, delegate the authority to enforce any regulations  
23 concerning parking that may be required, including, but not  
24 limited to, penalties for violations, deadlines for the payment of  
25 finances and late payment penalties for fines not paid when due to a  
26 department or official of the delegated authority. The ordinance  
27 also may provide that a summons or parking ticket for the  
28 violation of the ordinance or regulations may be issued by an



29 employee of a law enforcement agency or by uniformed personnel  
30 serving under contract with the municipality.

31       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
32 and after July 1, 2003.

