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 fines 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 a law

29 enforcement officer, other uniformed municipal employees or by

30 uniformed personnel 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.

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PAGE 2 (MS\HS)   governing authorities to delegate authority to
                     enforce.