

By: Senator(s) Bryan

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2583
(As Passed the Senate)

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.

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

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 not to exceed One
17 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), incurred by the person or persons in
18 bringing the suit.

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

