By: Senator(s) Canon, Dearing, Bryan, Hewes,   To: County Affairs;
Walls   Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2736

1   AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION
2 SYSTEMS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE AND TO
3 PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION
4 TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO REVIEW ALL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK
5 FORCE AND TO PROPOSE LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THESE
6 RECOMMENDATIONS; TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES PROVIDE
7 STAFF SUPPORT TO THE TASK FORCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9   **SECTION 1.** (1) There is hereby created the statewide task

10 force on local government information systems. The task force

11 shall consist of the following members:

12   (a) The Executive Director of the Department of

13 Information Technology Services;

14   (b) The Executive Director of the Administrative Office

15 of Courts;

16   (c) The Executive Director of the Department of

17 Environmental Quality;

18   (d) The Secretary of State, or his designee;

19   (e) The Chairman of the State Tax Commission, or his

20 designee;

21   (f) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Automated

22 Resource Information System;

23   (g) The State Auditor, or his designee;

24   (h) The Commissioner of Public Safety;

25   (i) The Executive Director of the Emergency Management

26 Agency;

27   (j) One (1) member of the Mississippi Chancery Clerks'

28 Association, appointed by the president of the association;

29   (k)   One (1) member of the Mississippi Circuit Clerks'

30 Association, appointed by the president of the association;

31   (l)   One (1) member of the Mississippi Association of

32 Supervisors, appointed by the president of the association;

33   (m)   One (1) member of the Tax Assessors' and

34 Collectors' Association, appointed by the president of the

35 association;

36   (n)   One (1) member appointed by the Mississippi

37 Sheriffs' Association, appointed by the presiding officer of the

38 association;

39   (o)   Two (2) citizen members, appointed by the Governor;

40   (p)   One (1) member of the Mississippi House of

41 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of

42 Representatives;

43   (q)   One (1) member of the Mississippi State Senate,

44 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

45   (r)   One (1) member appointed by the Mississippi

46 Association of Planning and Development Districts; and

47   (s)   The Executive Director of the Local Government

48 Records Office, Department of Archives and History.

49   (2)   The Executive Director of the Administrative Office of

50 Courts shall serve as the chairman of the task force. No

51 appointed member shall have a material financial interest in any

52 business that sells, distributes or manufactures computer

53 software, hardware or any telecommunications services.

54   (3)   Nonlegislative members shall serve without salary or per

55 diem compensation; however, all members shall be entitled to

56 actual travel expenses as provided for in Section 25-3-41.

57   (4)   Legislative members shall be entitled to per diem as

58 authorized in Section 25-3-69 and a mileage and expense allowance

59 as authorized in Section 5-1-47.

60   **SECTION 2.** (1) The task force shall develop a report to the
61 Department of Information Technology Services to be delivered no
62 later than October 1, 2003. This report shall address at minimum:
63   (a) A description of the current condition of
64 information technology services available to the public in the
65 offices of the chancery clerks, circuit clerks, tax assessors and
66 tax collectors of the State of Mississippi;
67   (b) Recommendations on the hardware and software needs
68 to create user-friendly, uniform systems for public access to
69 court records, land records, tax records and all other public
70 documents maintained by chancery clerks, circuit clerks, tax
71 assessors and tax collectors in all counties of the state;
72   (c) Recommendations or comments regarding system
73 compatibility and economy of those systems being developed under
74 the Secretary of State's authority to develop and implement a
75 statewide voter registration system, as required by Congress in
76 PL-107-252;
77   (d) Recommendations or comments on any initiative to
78 establish and implement a uniform Geographic Information System
79 (GIS) in each county of the state;
80   (e) Recommendations on methods of funding software,
81 hardware and telecommunications acquisitions necessary for each
82 county to comply with the task force recommendations; and
83   (f) Recommendations for the use of world wide web-based
84 systems for accessing the public information systems recommended
85 in paragraph (b).
86   (2) To carry out the responsibilities for in this act, the
87 task force shall have the authority to cooperate and establish a
88 liaison with the Advisory Committee created to assist the
89 Secretary of State in development statewide voter registration
90 systems. The task force shall also have the authority to
91 cooperate and establish a liaison with any statewide task force

92 that may be established to devise or recommend standards for the

93 implementation of statewide Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

94   (3) Upon receipt of the task force's report, the Department

95 of Information Technology Services shall review the report and

96 make recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 15,

97 2003, regarding legislation that would be necessary to implement

98 the recommendations of the task force.

99   (4) The chairman of the task force shall have the authority

100 to request staff support from any state agency enumerated in

101 Section 1 of this act to assist the task force in carrying out its

102 responsibilities under this act.

103   **SECTION 3.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall stand

104 repealed from and after June 30, 2004.

105   **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

106 and after its passage.

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