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To: Municipalities

SENATE BILL NO. 2824

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-37-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PERMIT MUNICIPALITIES TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF
3 PARKING REGULATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 21-37-29. (1) The governing authority of any municipality
8 in this state is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase,
9 lease or otherwise acquire, and to install and maintain parking
10 meters for the regulation of the parking of vehicles on the
11 municipal streets. When such parking meters are installed and
12 operated by any municipality, the governing authority thereof
13 shall have the power to prescribe, by ordinance, reasonable rules
14 and regulations for the use and operation of same, and to provide
15 and prescribe penalties for the violation of such rules and
16 regulations. Such governing authority may also fix, prescribe,
17 and collect fees for the use of the parking space adjacent to any
18 such meters and to require that such fee shall be paid by the
19 deposit of the appropriate coin or coins in such meters.

20 (2) A municipality, by ordinance duly spread upon its
21 minutes, may delegate to an appropriate private enterprise with
22 whom the municipality contracts all or part of the authority to
23 enforce any ordinance concerning the regulation of parking within
24 the confines of the municipality or any part thereof, including,
25 but not limited to, penalties for violations, deadlines for the
26 payment of fines, and late payment penalties for fines not paid
27 when due. The delegating ordinance may also provide that a



28 summons or parking citation for the violation may be issued by a
29 law enforcement officer, other uniformed municipal employee, or by
30 uniformed personnel employed by the delegate serving under
31 contract with the municipality.

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

