

*****Adopted*****

AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 454

By Senator(s) Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

SECTION 1. Section 25-41-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

25-41-15. The chancery courts of this state shall have the
authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter upon
application of any citizen of the state, and shall have the
authority to issue injunctions or writs of mandamus to accomplish
that purpose. If the court finds that a public body has willfully
and knowingly violated the provisions of this chapter, the court
may impose a civil penalty upon the public body in a sum not to
exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), plus all reasonable expenses
incurred by the person or persons in bringing suit to enforce this
chapter.

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-41-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
TO REVISE THE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS FOR THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW;
AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.