

By: Representative Watson

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 442

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 531, LAWS OF 2003, TO
2 EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT CREATES THE TASK
3 FORCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 1, Chapter 531, Laws of 2003, is amended
7 as follows:

8 Section 1. (1) There is created a Task Force on Local
9 Government Information Systems, hereinafter referred to as "task
10 force." The task force shall develop a report to the Department
11 of Information Technology Services to be delivered no later than
12 October 1, 2003. This report shall address at a minimum:

13 (a) A description of the current condition of
14 information technology services available to the public in the
15 offices of the chancery clerks, circuit clerks, tax assessors and
16 tax collectors of the State of Mississippi;

17 (b) Recommendations on the hardware and software needs
18 to create user-friendly, uniform systems for public access to
19 court records, land records, tax records and all other public
20 documents maintained by chancery clerks, circuit clerks, tax
21 assessors and tax collectors in all counties of the state;

22 (c) Recommendations or comments regarding system
23 compatibility and economy of those systems being developed under
24 the Secretary of State's authority to develop and implement a
25 statewide voter registration system, as required by Congress in
26 Public Law 107-252;

27 (d) Recommendations or comments on any initiative to
28 establish and implement a uniform Geographic Information System
29 (GIS) in each county of the state;

30 (e) Recommendations on methods of funding software,
31 hardware and telecommunications acquisitions necessary for each
32 county to comply with the task force recommendations;

33 (f) Recommendations for the use of worldwide web-based
34 systems for accessing the public information systems recommended
35 in paragraph (b) of this subsection; and

36 (g) Recommendations on the hardware and software needs
37 necessary to comply with homeland security requirements of the
38 federal government relating to state agencies, counties and
39 municipal government.

40 Upon receiving the report of the task force, the Department
41 of Information Technology Services shall review the report and
42 make recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 15,
43 2003, regarding legislation that would be necessary to implement
44 the recommendations of the task force.

45 (2) The membership of the task force includes the following
46 members:

47 (a) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
48 Department of Information Technology Services or his designee;

49 (b) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance
50 and Administration or his designee;

51 (c) The Executive Director of the Administrative Office
52 of Courts;

53 (d) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
54 Department of Environmental Quality;

55 (e) The Secretary of State or his designee;

56 (f) The Chairman of the State Tax Commission or his
57 designee;

58 (g) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Automated
59 Resource Information System;

- 60 (h) The State Auditor or his designee;
- 61 (i) The Commissioner of Public Safety or his designee;
- 62 (j) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency
63 Management Agency;
- 64 (k) The Executive Director of the Department of
65 Archives and History or his designee;
- 66 (l) One (1) member of the Mississippi Chancery Clerks'
67 Association, appointed by the president of that association;
- 68 (m) One (1) member of the Mississippi Circuit Clerks'
69 Association, appointed by the president of that association;
- 70 (n) One (1) member of the Mississippi Association of
71 Supervisors, appointed by the president of that association;
- 72 (o) One (1) member of the Tax Assessors' and
73 Collectors' Association, appointed by the president of that
74 association;
- 75 (p) One (1) member of the Mississippi Sheriffs'
76 Association, appointed by the president of that association;
- 77 (q) One (1) member of the Mississippi Municipal League,
78 appointed by the president of that association;
- 79 (r) Two (2) citizen members, appointed by the Governor;
- 80 (s) One (1) member of the Mississippi House of
81 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 82 (t) One (1) member of the Mississippi State Senate,
83 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and
- 84 (u) One (1) member appointed by the Mississippi
85 Association of Planning and Development Districts.

86 No appointed member of the board shall have a material
87 financial interest in any business that sells, distributes or
88 manufactures computer software, hardware or any telecommunication
89 services.

90 (3) The Executive Director of the Administrative Office of
91 Courts shall serve as the chairman of the task force. A majority
92 of the members constitutes a quorum. All members must be notified

93 of all meetings, and such notices must be mailed at least five (5)
94 days before the date on which a meeting is to be held.

95 (4) Any member of the task force who is also a state
96 employee may not receive per diem compensation for attending
97 meetings of the task force, but may be reimbursed in accordance
98 with Section 25-3-41 for mileage and actual expenses incurred in
99 the performance of the duties. Legislative members of the task
100 force will be paid from the contingent expense funds of their
101 respective houses in the same amounts as provided for committee
102 meetings when the Legislature is not in session.

103 (5) To carry out the responsibilities provided for in this
104 act, the task force may establish a liaison with the advisory
105 committee created to assist the Secretary of State in developing
106 statewide voter registration systems. The task force may
107 establish a liaison with any statewide task force that may be
108 established to devise or recommend standards for the
109 implementation of statewide geographic information systems.

110 (6) The task force may utilize staff employed by the
111 agencies affected by this act and any other assistance made
112 available to it.

113 (7) This section shall stand repealed on June 30, 2006.

114 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
115 and after June 30, 2004.