

By: Representative Arinder

To: Municipalities

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1021

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-3-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF ANY MUNICIPALITY  
3 OPERATING UNDER A CODE CHARTER MAY CALL A SPECIAL MEETING BY  
4 POSTING A WRITTEN NOTICE IN A PUBLIC PLACE WITHIN FIVE DAYS FROM  
5 THE TIME THE SPECIAL MEETING IS TO BE HELD; TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
6 MAYOR AND ALDERMEN HAVE SUFFICIENT NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING BY  
7 THE POSTING OF A WRITTEN NOTICE IN A PUBLIC PLACE; TO PROVIDE THAT  
8 THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN MUST ACKNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT UPON THE  
9 MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING THAT WRITTEN NOTICE WAS RECEIVED BY  
10 THE POSTING OF A NOTICE IN A PUBLIC PLACE; TO ABOLISH THE  
11 REQUIREMENT THAT WRITTEN NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING BE DELIVERED  
12 TO THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN BY A MARSHAL OR POLICE OFFICER; AND FOR  
13 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
16 amended as follows:

17 21-3-21. The mayor or any two aldermen may, by written  
18 notice, call a special meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen  
19 for the transaction of important business. The notice must be  
20 signed by the officer or officers calling the special meeting and  
21 posted in a public place five (5) days before the time fixed for  
22 the special meeting and must state the time of meeting and  
23 distinctly specify the subject matters of business to be acted  
24 upon. \* \* \* The notice \* \* \* shall be entered on the minutes of  
25 the special meeting, and the mayor and aldermen must acknowledge  
26 upon the minutes that written notice was received or, when  
27 appropriate, the aldermen who are present at the special meeting  
28 must acknowledge or consent upon the minutes of the efforts  
29 attempted to reach any absent member. Any business not specified  
30 in the notice shall not be transacted at the meeting. A member of  
31 the board shall not receive pay for attending a special meeting.

32           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
33 and after July 1, 2004.