

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Public Property

HOUSE BILL NO. 1370

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 29-5-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION SHALL HAVE
3 JURISDICTION TO ENFORCE ALL STATE LAWS ON THE PROPERTIES OF THE
4 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUILDING AND THE PUBLIC
5 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BUILDING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 29-5-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 29-5-77. The * * * Department of Finance and Administration
10 shall have jurisdiction relative to the enforcement of all laws of
11 the State of Mississippi on the properties set forth in Section
12 29-5-2, the Court of Appeals Building, the Mississippi Department
13 of Transportation Building and the Public Employees' Retirement
14 System Building. The Department of Finance and Administration
15 shall, through any person or persons appointed by the Department
16 of Finance and Administration, or through the Department of Public
17 Safety when requested by the Department of Finance and
18 Administration, make arrests for any violation of any law of the
19 State of Mississippi on those grounds of or within those
20 properties. The Department of Finance and Administration shall
21 enforce the provisions of Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67,
22 29-5-71 through 29-5-77, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95, and * * *
23 prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary therefor.

24 When in the opinion of the Governor or, in his absence, the
25 Lieutenant Governor, it is readily apparent that an emergency
26 exists that the persons appointed by the Department of Finance and
27 Administration are unable to control in the accomplishment of the
28 provisions of Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-71 through

29 29-5-77, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95 in regard to law enforcement,
30 then the Governor, or in his absence, the Lieutenant Governor, may
31 call upon the Department of Public Safety, members of which shall
32 have power to arrest and detain any persons violating the
33 provisions of those sections of law, until the person can be
34 brought before the proper authorities for trial.

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