

By: Senator(s) Browning

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2335

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 world wide 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.