

By: Senator(s) Horhn

To: Municipalities

SENATE BILL NO. 2358

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-37-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PERMIT MUNICIPALITIES TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF  
3 PARKING REGULATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-37-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 21-37-29. (1) The governing authority of any municipality  
8 in this state is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase,  
9 lease or otherwise acquire, and to install and maintain parking  
10 meters for the regulation of the parking of vehicles on the  
11 municipal streets. When such parking meters are installed and  
12 operated by any municipality, the governing authority thereof  
13 shall have the power to prescribe, by ordinance, reasonable rules  
14 and regulations for the use and operation of same, and to provide  
15 and prescribe penalties for the violation of such rules and  
16 regulations. Such governing authority may also fix, prescribe,  
17 and collect fees for the use of the parking space adjacent to any  
18 such meters and to require that such fee shall be paid by the  
19 deposit of the appropriate coin or coins in such meters.

20 (2) A municipality, by ordinance duly spread upon its  
21 minutes, may delegate to an appropriate private enterprise with  
22 whom the municipality contracts all or part of the authority to  
23 enforce any ordinance concerning the regulation of parking within  
24 the confines of the municipality or any part thereof, including,  
25 but not limited to, penalties for violations, deadlines for the  
26 payment of fines, and late payment penalties for fines not paid  
27 when due. The delegating ordinance may also provide that a

28 summons or parking citation for the violation may be issued by a  
29 uniformed law enforcement officer, uniformed law enforcement  
30 employee, or by uniformed personnel employed by the delegate  
31 servicing under contract with the municipality.

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