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To: Local and Private
Legislation; Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 342

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JACKSON
2 COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE USE OF RADAR SPEED
3 DETECTION EQUIPMENT BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY FOR
4 TWO TWELVE-MONTH PERIODS; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE BOARD ESTABLISHES
5 SUCH PROGRAM, THE BOARD MAY PURCHASE OR ACQUIRE RADAR SPEED
6 DETECTION DEVICES FOR USE BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OF THE
7 COUNTY IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMITS ON THE ROADS, STREETS
8 AND HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ANY
9 INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY; TO REQUIRE THE SHERIFF TO COLLECT AND
10 REPORT CERTAIN INFORMATION TO A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD
11 OF SUPERVISORS AND THE SHERIFF DEMONSTRATING THE EFFECT THAT THE
12 USE OF SUCH RADAR SPEED DETECTION DEVICES HAVE HAD OVER THE
13 INITIAL TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD IN REDUCING TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND
14 CASUALTIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUTHORITY FOR THE SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT OF JACKSON COUNTY TO USE RADAR SPEED DETECTION
16 EQUIPMENT AFTER JUNE 30, 2007, SHALL STAND REPEALED UNLESS
17 AUTHORIZED BY SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE;
18 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

20 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Board of Supervisors of Jackson County,
21 in its discretion, by order duly adopted and entered upon its
22 minutes, may establish a pilot program for the use of radar speed
23 detection equipment by the sheriff's department of the county. If
24 the board establishes such program, the board may expend out of
25 any available funds of the county, an amount that the board
26 determines is sufficient for the purchase or acquisition of not
27 more than Twenty (20) radar speed detection devices. Such devices
28 and equipment, when so authorized and acquired, may be operated
29 and used by the Sheriff of Jackson County and any duly sworn
30 deputy sheriff of the county to enforce the motor vehicle speed
31 limits on any public road, street or highway within the county
32 outside the corporate limits of any incorporated municipality.

33 (2) The pilot program shall be divided into two (2)
34 twelve-month periods. The initial twelve-month period shall begin
35 on July 1, 2005, and end on June 30, 2006. The second

36 twelve-month period shall begin on July 1, 2006, and end on June
37 30, 2007.

38 (3) At the end of the initial twelve-month period, the
39 Sheriff of Jackson County shall present to the Board of
40 Supervisors of Jackson County the following information:

41 (a) The number of speeding citations issued during the
42 period from July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005, without the use
43 of radar, compared to the number of speeding citations issued
44 during the period from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, with
45 the use of radar;

46 (b) The number of serious injuries and fatal crashes in
47 automobile accidents in the county for the two (2) comparative
48 years described in paragraph (a) above; and

49 (c) The number of felony arrests made as a result of
50 traffic stops made by the sheriff's office in the county using
51 radar for the period from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006.

52 (4) A committee to be appointed by the board of supervisors
53 and the sheriff shall review the statistics provided by the
54 sheriff under subsection (3) of this section and make such
55 suggestions as the committee deems appropriate for addressing any
56 concerns or problems with regard to the use or operation of radar
57 speed detection equipment by the sheriff's office during the
58 initial twelve-month period of the pilot program.

59 (5) Upon completion of review of the statistics by the
60 committee under subsection (4) of this section, and the making of
61 any suggestions for improvement, the sheriff and his deputies
62 shall be authorized to use radar speed detection equipment for an
63 additional twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2006, to enforce
64 the motor vehicle speed limits on any public road, street or
65 highway within the county outside the corporate limits of any
66 incorporated municipality.

67 (6) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
68 2007, and the authority of the Sheriff of Jackson County and any

69 duly sworn deputy sheriff of the county to enforce the motor
70 vehicle speed limits on any public road, street or highway within
71 the county shall terminate unless authorized by subsequent
72 legislation enacted by the Legislature.

73 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
74 and after its passage.