

By: Senator(s) Mettetal

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2487

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO
3 COLLECT FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CRIME LABORATORY; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-1-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 45-1-29. (1) The Mississippi Crime Laboratory shall be
9 funded separately from the Department of Public Safety. Any
10 appropriated funds shall be maintained in an account separate from
11 any funds of the Department of Public Safety and shall never be
12 commingled with any funds of said department. However, nothing in
13 this section shall be construed to prohibit the utilization of the
14 combined resources of the Mississippi Crime Laboratory, the
15 Division of Support Services of the Department of Public Safety or
16 the Mississippi Justice Information Center to efficiently carry
17 out the mission of the Department of Public Safety.

18 (2) Grants and donations to the crime laboratory may be
19 accepted from individuals, the federal government, firms,
20 corporations, foundations and other interested organizations and
21 societies.

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23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 2005.