

By: Representative Franks

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1082

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 89-6-3 AND 89-6-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE
2 OF 1972, TO CLARIFY HOW PLANE COORDINATE VALUES MAY BE EXPRESSED;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 89-6-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 89-6-3. The plane coordinate values for a point on the
8 earth's surface, used to express the geographic position or
9 location of such point in the appropriate zone of the systems
10 described in Section 89-6-1, shall consist of two (2) distances
11 expressed in United States Survey Feet and decimals of a foot when
12 using the Mississippi Coordinate System of 1927 and expressed in
13 meters and decimals of a meter or United States Survey Feet and
14 decimals of a foot when using the Mississippi Coordinate System of
15 1983. One (1) of these distances, to be known as the "Y" or
16 "N-coordinate," shall give the position in a north and south
17 direction; the other, to be known as the "X" or "E-coordinate,"
18 shall give the position in an east and west direction. These
19 coordinates shall be made to depend upon and conform to the plane
20 rectangular coordinate values for the monumented points of the
21 National Geodetic Reference System as published by the National
22 Ocean Service/National Geodetic Survey (formerly the United States
23 Coast and Geodetic Survey), or its successors, and whose plane
24 coordinates have been computed on the system defined in this
25 chapter.

26 **SECTION 2.** Section 89-6-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
27 amended as follows:

28 89-6-13. For purposes of describing the location of any
29 point in the State of Mississippi, it shall be considered a
30 complete, legal and satisfactory description of such location to
31 give the position of such point on the system of plane coordinates
32 defined in this chapter, provided the connection to the
33 Mississippi Coordinate System is made in accordance with the
34 provisions of this chapter and the Standards of Practice for
35 Surveying as adopted by the Mississippi Board of Licensure for
36 Professional Engineers and Surveyors. Whenever coordinates are
37 affixed to any point which has previously been described by
38 another system, the coordinates shall be construed as additional
39 evidence of the location of the same point. In the event of any
40 conflict as to the point or its location, the common rules of
41 evidence shall be used to resolve the conflict. When used to
42 reference the position of a point to be cited in recorded
43 description of real property, the description must be written in a
44 form that is tied to the existing land system.

45 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2006.