

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.