

By: Senator(s) Albritton

To: County Affairs;
Municipalities

SENATE BILL NO. 2867

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-25-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES TO ASSUME COST OF PROCESSING
3 ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS IF IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 17-25-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 17-25-1. The board of supervisors of any county and the
9 governing authorities of any municipality may allow the payment of
10 various taxes, fees, fines, court costs, and other accounts
11 receivable to the county or municipality by credit cards, charge
12 cards, debit cards, telecheck, and other forms of electronic
13 payment, in accordance with policies established by the State
14 Auditor. Any fees or charges associated with the use of such
15 electronic payments may be assessed to the user of the electronic
16 payment as an additional charge for processing the electronic
17 payment, so that the user will pay the full cost of using the
18 electronic payment or the county or municipality may assume the
19 cost of processing such electronic payments if the board of
20 supervisors or the governing authority of the municipality finds
21 that to do so is in the public interest and the costs of
22 processing are paid out of the general fund of the county or
23 municipality.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2006.