

By: Representative Lane

To: County Affairs;  
Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 49

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS  
 2 OR PLACARDS ALONG THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF ROADS, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS  
 3 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES  
 4 MEMORIALIZING THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
 5 OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY WAS SLAIN WHILE IN THE  
 6 PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES; TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND  
 7 MUNICIPALITIES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS AND  
 8 TO ACCEPT DONATIONS, GIFTS AND GRANTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING  
 9 THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY IN THE  
 10 MANUFACTURE, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SUCH  
 11 SIGNS AND PLACARDS; TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SUCH SIGNS AND PLACARDS  
 12 MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MANUALS AND RULES AND  
 13 REGULATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** (1) The boards of supervisors of counties and  
 16 the governing authorities of municipalities may erect and maintain  
 17 signs or placards along the rights-of-way of roads, streets and  
 18 highways under their respective jurisdiction memorializing the  
 19 approximate location where a law enforcement officer for the  
 20 county or municipality was slain while in the performance of his  
 21 or her duties before July 1, 2007, and shall erect and maintain  
 22 such signs or placards at each such location within two (2) years  
 23 of the death of a county or municipal law enforcement officer who  
 24 was slain in the performance of his or her duties on or after July  
 25 1, 2007.

26 (2) The boards of supervisors and the governing authorities  
 27 of municipalities may appropriate monies from any available funds  
 28 of the county or municipality and may accept public or private  
 29 donations, gifts and grants for the purpose of paying the expenses  
 30 incurred by the county or municipality in the manufacture,  
 31 construction, installation and maintenance of the signs and  
 32 placards provided for under subsection (1) of this section. All



33 such monies as a county or municipality appropriates or receives  
34 for such purposes shall be deposited into a special fund created  
35 within the general fund of the county or municipality, and may be  
36 expended only for the purposes described in this section.

37 (3) All signs and placards authorized under this section  
38 shall comply and be in conformity with the Manual on Uniform  
39 Traffic Control Devices and rules and regulations promulgated  
40 pursuant thereto as accepted and adopted by the Mississippi  
41 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Mississippi Transportation  
42 Commission.

43 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
44 and after July 1, 2007.

