

By: Representative Woods

To: County Affairs;  
Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 378

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-3-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE REWARD AMOUNT COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES MAY OFFER  
3 FOR CRIMINAL INFORMATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 99-3-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 99-3-39. (1) Boards of supervisors of the various counties  
8 of this state and the governing authorities of the municipalities,  
9 may either separately or in conjunction with each other, within  
10 their discretion, offer monetary rewards, the amount of which  
11 shall be fixed by the aforesaid governing authorities, within  
12 their discretion, for information leading to the apprehension of  
13 any person subsequently convicted of any crime or misdemeanor  
14 committed within this state; information regarding the whereabouts  
15 of missing persons; the ascertaining or divulging of any  
16 information necessary or helpful for the governing or the  
17 tranquility of any municipality or county of this state or for any  
18 like purpose, provided said reward shall not exceed the sum of  
19 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) and provided further, that  
20 said reward shall not be paid to any law enforcement officer or  
21 any employee of the governing authority offering such reward or  
22 any member of the immediate family of either.

23 (2) The aforesaid rewards may be paid from the general fund  
24 of the respective counties or municipalities.

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