

By: Representative Robinson (63rd)

To: County Affairs;  
Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 877

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-3-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE MONETARY REWARD FROM TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED  
3 DOLLARS TO TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS THAT MAY BE GIVEN BY  
4 COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE  
5 CONVICTION OF ANY PERSON WHO COMMITS A CRIME OR MISDEMEANOR; AND  
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

10 99-3-39. (1) Boards of supervisors of the various counties  
11 of this state and the governing authorities of the municipalities,  
12 may either separately or in conjunction with each other, within  
13 their discretion, offer monetary rewards, the amount of which  
14 shall be fixed by such governing authorities and boards of  
15 supervisors, within their discretion, for information leading to  
16 the apprehension of any person subsequently convicted of any crime  
17 or misdemeanor committed within this state; information regarding  
18 the whereabouts of missing persons; the ascertaining or divulging  
19 of any information necessary or helpful for the governing or the  
20 tranquility of any municipality or county of this state or for any  
21 like purpose, provided the reward shall not exceed the sum of  
22 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and provided further,  
23 that the reward shall not be paid to any law enforcement officer  
24 or any employee of the governing authority offering such reward or  
25 any member of the immediate family of either.

26 (2) The \* \* \* rewards authorized in this section may be paid  
27 from the general fund of the respective counties or  
28 municipalities.

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