

By: Representative Blackmon

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1059

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-21-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE FUNDING OF THE ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM PILOT PROGRAM; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-21-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 9-21-14. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a
8 special fund to be known as the Comprehensive Electronic Court
9 Systems Fund. The purpose of the fund shall be to provide funding
10 for the development, implementation and maintenance of a
11 comprehensive case management and electronic filing system, one of
12 the purposes of which will be to provide duplicate dockets and
13 case files at remote sites. The system will be designed to:

14 (a) Provide a framework for the seamless, transparent
15 exchange of data among courts and with appropriate law
16 enforcement, children's services and public welfare agencies.

17 (b) Allow judges and prosecutors to determine whether
18 there are holds or warrants from other jurisdictions for
19 defendants prior to release on bail or otherwise.

20 (c) Assist related agencies in tracking the court
21 activity of individuals in all participating jurisdictions.

22 (d) Assist child protection and human services agencies
23 to determine the status of children and caregivers in the
24 participating jurisdictions.

25 (e) Duplicate and preserve court documents at remote
26 sites so that they may be protected against catastrophic loss.

27 (f) Improve the ability of the Administrative Office of
28 Courts and the state courts to handle efficiently monies flowing
29 through the courts and to collect delinquent fees, fines and
30 costs.

31 (g) Enable the state courts and clerks to generate
32 management reports and analysis tools, allowing them to constantly
33 track individual cases and the overall caseload.

34 (h) Provide a uniform system for docketing and tracking
35 cases and to automatically generate status reports.

36 (i) Enable the Administrative Office of Courts to
37 acquire statistical data promptly and efficiently.

38 (j) Make trial court and individual case dockets
39 available to the public online through use of the Internet.

40 (2) Monies from the fund shall be distributed by the State
41 Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Administrative Office of
42 Courts.

43 (3) The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to
44 fiscal-year limitations, and shall consist of:

45 (a) Monies appropriated by the Legislature for the
46 purposes of funding the comprehensive case management and
47 electronic filing system;

48 (b) The interest accruing to the fund;

49 (c) Monies received from the federal government;

50 (d) Donations; and

51 (e) Monies received from such other sources as may be
52 provided by law.

53 (4) The Supreme Court shall utilize and fund as a pilot
54 program any case management and electronic filing system of the
55 Three Rivers Planning and Development District or that of any
56 county or vendor that complies with the data and case management
57 and electronic filing policy standards adopted by the Supreme
58 Court. No statewide comprehensive case management and electronic

59 system shall be implemented by the Mississippi Supreme Court
60 unless such system is approved by the Legislature.

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