

By: Representative Mayhall

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1367

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-31-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO ESTABLISH A POLICY TO BURY
3 OR ASSIST IN THE BURIAL OF A PERSON DETERMINED TO BE A PAUPER, AND
4 TO ALLOW SUCH BOARDS TO MAKE SUCH DETERMINATION BASED ON PUBLIC
5 ASSISTANCE RECORDS AND OTHER EVIDENCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-31-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 43-31-29. (1) The boards of supervisors shall also relieve,
10 support or employ paupers found or being in the county, though not
11 entitled to a settlement therein, and, in case of their decease,
12 shall decently bury them. All expenses shall be chargeable to and
13 recoverable from the county in which such pauper had a settlement.
14 In addition, the boards of supervisors shall decently bury all
15 strangers dying in the county.

16 (2) The boards of supervisors are authorized to establish a
17 policy to bury or to assist in the burial of a person who is
18 determined to be a pauper. Such determination is to be based on
19 available records of public assistance and other available
20 evidence.

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