

By: Senator(s) Flowers

To: County Affairs;  
Municipalities

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2102

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-3-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE AMOUNT THAT MAY BE OFFERED BY COUNTIES AND  
3 MUNICIPALITIES AS A REWARD FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING A CRIME OR  
4 FOR OTHER PROPER PURPOSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 99-3-39. (1) The governing authority of any county or  
9 municipality may either separately or in conjunction with each  
10 other, within their discretion, offer monetary rewards \* \* \* for  
11 information leading to the apprehension of any person subsequently  
12 convicted of any crime or misdemeanor committed within this state;  
13 information regarding the whereabouts of missing persons; the  
14 ascertaining or divulging of any information necessary or helpful  
15 for the governing or the tranquility of any municipality or county  
16 of this state or for any like purpose. The governing authority or  
17 authorities shall fix the amount of the reward; however, the  
18 reward shall not exceed the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars  
19 (\$10,000.00) for information leading to the apprehension of any  
20 person subsequently convicted of the homicide of a law enforcement  
21 officer and shall not exceed the sum of Five Thousand Dollars  
22 (\$5,000.00) for any other aforesaid information. The reward shall  
23 not be paid to any law enforcement officer or any employee of the  
24 governing authority offering the reward or any member of the  
25 immediate family of either. Before offering any reward, the  
26 governing authority of any county or municipality shall establish  
27 by resolution or ordinance a certain amount to be offered for

28 rewards in accordance with this subsection and shall offer that  
29 amount on a consistent basis.

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

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