

By: Senator(s) Flowers

To: County Affairs;
Municipalities

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

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

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