

By: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd)

To: Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2649

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 29-5-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 GRANT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION JURISDICTION  
3 RELATIVE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF ALL LAWS OF THE STATE OF  
4 MISSISSIPPI ON THE STREETS, BYWAYS AND PARKING AREAS ADJOINING  
5 CERTAIN STATE BUILDINGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 29-5-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 29-5-77. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration  
10 shall have jurisdiction relative to the enforcement of all laws of  
11 the State of Mississippi on the properties, including the  
12 adjoining streets, byways and parking areas, set forth in Section  
13 29-5-2, the Court of Appeals Building, the Mississippi Department  
14 of Transportation Building and the Public Employees' Retirement  
15 System Building. The Department of Finance and Administration  
16 shall, through any person or persons appointed by the Department  
17 of Finance and Administration, or through the Department of Public  
18 Safety when requested by the Department of Finance and  
19 Administration, make arrests for any violation of any law of the  
20 State of Mississippi on those grounds of or within those  
21 properties. The Department of Finance and Administration shall  
22 enforce the provisions of Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67,  
23 29-5-71 through 29-5-77, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95, and  
24 prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary therefor.

25 (2) When in the opinion of the Governor or, in his absence,  
26 the Lieutenant Governor, it is readily apparent that an emergency  
27 exists that the persons appointed by the Department of Finance and  
28 Administration are unable to control in the accomplishment of the

29 provisions of Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-71 through  
30 29-5-77, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95 in regard to law enforcement,  
31 then the Governor or, in his absence, the Lieutenant Governor, may  
32 call upon the Department of Public Safety, members of which shall  
33 have power to arrest and detain any persons violating the  
34 provisions of those sections of law, until the person can be  
35 brought before the proper authorities for trial.

36 (3) Subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of  
37 State Institutions of Higher Learning, the Board of Trustees and  
38 the Department of Finance and Administration shall be authorized  
39 to enter into a contract for the Department of Finance and  
40 Administration to supply the security personnel with jurisdiction  
41 to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of  
42 the Board of Trustees located at the corner of Ridgewood Road and  
43 Lakeland Drive in the City of Jackson.

44 (4) The Department of Finance and Administration and the  
45 Department of Agriculture are authorized to enter into a contract  
46 for the Department of Finance and Administration to have  
47 jurisdiction and enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on  
48 the property of the Department of Agriculture located at 121 North  
49 Jefferson Street and the new Farmer's Market Building located at  
50 the corner of High and Jefferson Streets in the City of Jackson,  
51 Hinds County, Mississippi. It is the intent of the Legislature  
52 that the Department of Finance and Administration will not post  
53 any security personnel at such buildings, but will provide regular  
54 vehicle patrols and responses to security system alarms.

55 (5) The Department of Finance and Administration and the  
56 State Tax Commission are authorized to enter into a contract for  
57 the Department of Finance and Administration to supply the  
58 security personnel with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the  
59 State of Mississippi at the Alcoholic Beverage Control facility  
60 and the State Tax Commission main office.

61           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
62 and after its passage.