

By: Representative Wilson

To: Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 19

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-511, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC  
3 INVESTIGATION BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF  
4 MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS WITHIN  
5 THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-511, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 63-3-511. Whenever local authorities, including boards of  
10 supervisors, within their respective jurisdictions, determine  
11 \* \* \* that the speed permitted under this article on any street,  
12 or any county road or any portion thereof, or at any intersection  
13 is greater than is reasonable or safe under conditions found to  
14 exist upon such street, or any county road or any portion thereof,  
15 or at such intersection, such local authorities shall determine  
16 and declare, by ordinance, a reasonable and safe speed limit,  
17 which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice  
18 thereof are erected on such street, or any county road or any  
19 portion thereof, or at such intersection, or upon the approaches



20 thereto. However, no speed limit shall be fixed by any such local  
21 authorities at less than fifteen (15) miles per hour.

22 The Commissioner of Corrections is authorized to establish by  
23 regulation reasonable and safe speed limits upon the roads of the  
24 correctional facilities under his jurisdiction which shall be  
25 effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are  
26 erected. Speed limits may be based upon road or traffic  
27 conditions or upon security considerations.

28 Provided, however, that whenever the \* \* \* Mississippi  
29 Transportation Commission shall, pursuant to Section 63-3-503,  
30 lower the maximum speed limit in response to federal laws,  
31 regulations or guidelines for purposes of energy conservation,  
32 local authorities, including boards of supervisors, shall  
33 immediately lower maximum speed limits on local highways, not to  
34 exceed a maximum speed of fifty-five (55) miles per hour.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
36 and after July 1, 2017.

