

By: Representatives Wilson, Karriem, Sykes

To: Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 390

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-35-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE FROM 1,500 TO 2,000 THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF RESIDENTS THAT
3 A MUNICIPALITY MUST HAVE BEFORE A MUNICIPALITY IS REQUIRED TO
4 PUBLISH ITS ANNUAL BUDGET; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-35-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 21-35-5. The governing authorities of each municipality of
9 the State of Mississippi shall, not later than September 15 each
10 year, prepare a complete budget of the municipal revenues,
11 expenses and working cash balances estimated for the next fiscal
12 year, and shall prepare a statement showing the aggregate revenues
13 collected during the current year in * * * the municipality for
14 municipal purposes. * * * The statement shall show every source
15 of revenue along with the amount derived from each source. * * *
16 The budget of any municipality of * * * two thousand (2,000)
17 inhabitants or more, according to the * * * latest federal
18 decennial census, with * * * the statement of revenue and
19 expenses, shall be published at least one (1) time during



20 September of * * * the year in a newspaper published in such
21 municipality or, if no newspaper be published in such
22 municipality, in any newspaper published in the county wherein the
23 municipality is located. In municipalities of less than * * * two
24 thousand (2,000) inhabitants, according to the last preceding
25 federal census, as many as three (3) prepared statements of * * *
26 the budget shall be posted in three (3) public places in * * * the
27 municipalities.

28 * * * Before the adoption of a budget pursuant to this
29 section, the governing authority of each municipality shall hold
30 at least one (1) public hearing to provide the general public with
31 an opportunity to comment on the taxing and spending plan
32 incorporated in the proposed budget. The public hearing shall be
33 held at least one (1) week prior to the adoption of the budget
34 with advance notice and held outside normal working hours. The
35 advance notice shall include an announcement published or posted
36 in the same manner as required for the final adopted budget.

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

