By: Senator(s) Polk

To: Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency

## SENATE BILL NO. 2674 (As Passed the Senate)

- AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO CHARGE A FEE, OR REQUIRE A FEE TO BE PAID TO A THIRD-PARTY SERVICE PROVIDER, FOR AN ELECTRONIC BID SUBMISSION OR PARTICIPATION IN A REVERSE AUCTION;

  4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 6 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any governing authority accepting electronic
- 7 bid submissions for procurements may charge the bidder a fee, or
- 8 may require a fee to be paid to a third-party service provider,
- 9 for an electronic bid submission. The amount of the fee shall not
- 10 <u>exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per bid.</u>
- 11 (2) Any governing authority using the reverse auction method
- 12 of procurement may charge the winning bidder a fee, or require the
- 13 winning bidder to pay a fee to a third-party service provider, for
- 14 participation in a reverse auction. The amount of the fee shall
- 15 not exceed four percent (4%) of the winning bid amount.
- 16 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a
- 17 separate section within Chapter 7, Title 31, Mississippi Code of
- 18 1972.

- 19 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 20 and after its passage.