

By: Representative Wilson

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1509

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-99, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO MAINTAIN
3 BUSINESS HOURS FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-1-99, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 25-1-99. The clerks of the circuit and chancery courts, the
9 county superintendents of education, the county tax assessors, and
10 the sheriffs shall keep their offices at the courthouses of their
11 respective counties if offices shall be there provided for them.
12 If offices shall not be there provided for them, they shall keep
13 their offices within one-half (1/2) mile of the courthouses of
14 their respective counties; except that the office of the county
15 superintendent of education may be placed in the county in any
16 other place determined by the county board of education to be most
17 feasible, regardless of the distance from the courthouse. The
18 offices of all circuit and chancery clerks * * *, sheriffs and tax
19 collectors shall be open for business on all business days from



20 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except that within the discretion of the
21 board of supervisors of * * * the county, the above county offices
22 may be closed at 12:00 noon one (1) business day of each week, or
23 may be closed all day Saturday of each week, or may be closed at
24 12:00 noon on Saturday and at 12:00 noon on one (1) additional
25 business day of each week. Such courthouse hours decided upon
26 within the discretion of the board of supervisors must be duly
27 entered at large on the minutes of said board, and such action by
28 the board shall be published in a newspaper having general
29 circulation in the county once each week for four (4) consecutive
30 weeks.

31 Provided, however, the courthouse shall be closed on all
32 state holidays as set forth in Section 3-3-7, and when any state
33 holiday set forth in Section 3-3-7 falls on a Saturday, the
34 courthouse may be closed on the Friday immediately preceding such
35 Saturday and when such holiday falls on a Sunday, the courthouse
36 may be closed on the Monday immediately succeeding such Sunday.
37 The board of supervisors, in its discretion, may close the county
38 offices on those holidays created by executive order of the
39 Governor.

40 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after July 1, 2019.

