

By: Representative Rushing

To: Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 920  
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO CLARIFY HOW POPULATION IS CALCULATED FOR AUTHORIZED USE OF  
3 RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-519, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 63-3-519. It shall be unlawful for any person or peace  
8 officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway  
9 Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of  
10 radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or  
11 highway of this state. However, such equipment may be used:

12 (a) By municipal law enforcement officers within a  
13 municipality having a population of two thousand (2,000) or more  
14 according to the latest or a previous federal census or having a  
15 population of two thousand (2,000) or more upon the public streets  
16 of the municipality, but in no case where the latest federal  
17 census population for the municipality is less than one thousand  
18 five hundred (1,500);



19                   (b) By any college or university campus police force  
20 within the confines of any campus wherein more than two thousand  
21 (2,000) students are enrolled;

22                   (c) By municipal law enforcement officers in any  
23 municipality having a population in excess of fifteen thousand  
24 (15,000) according to the latest federal census on federally  
25 designated highways lying within the corporate limits.

26                   The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall be immediately  
27 notified by municipal law enforcement of any road blockages or  
28 emergencies occurring on any federally designated limited-access  
29 highways lying within the corporate limits.

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

