

By: Representative Bennett

To: Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 1256

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-1-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ADD ADMINISTRATIVE OR CIVIL PENALTIES AS AN OPTION THAT LOCAL  
3 GOVERNING AUTHORITIES MAY PURSUE WHEN A LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCE IS  
4 VIOLATED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 17-1-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 17-1-27. Any person, firm or corporation who shall knowingly  
9 and \* \* \* willfully violate the terms, conditions or provisions of  
10 a zoning ordinance adopted under the authority of Sections 17-1-1  
11 through 17-1-25, inclusive, for violation of which no other  
12 administrative, civil or criminal penalty is prescribed by state  
13 or local law, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction  
14 therefor shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not to exceed One  
15 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and in case of continuing violations  
16 without reasonable effort on the part of the defendant to correct  
17 same, each day the violation continues thereafter shall be a  
18 separate offense.



19           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
20 and after July 1, 2023.

