

By: Representative Brown

To: Municipalities; County
Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1396

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-37-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES SHALL NOT CHARGE ANY
3 INDIVIDUAL TO PARK ON A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC STREET THAT IS NEAR A
4 COUNTY COURTHOUSE OR OTHER COUNTY BUILDING WHEN SUCH INDIVIDUAL IS
5 REQUIRED TO APPEAR AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE OR OTHER COUNTY
6 BUILDING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-37-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 21-37-29. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
11 the governing authorities of any municipality in this state are
12 hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, lease or otherwise
13 acquire, and to install and maintain parking meters for the
14 regulation of the parking of vehicles on the municipal streets.
15 When such parking meters are installed and operated by any
16 municipality, the governing authorities thereof shall have the
17 power to prescribe, by ordinance, reasonable rules and regulations
18 for the use and operation of same, and to provide and prescribe
19 penalties for the violation of such rules and regulations. Such
20 governing authorities may also fix, prescribe, and collect fees



21 for the use of the parking space adjacent to any such meters and
22 to require that such fee shall be paid by the deposit of the
23 appropriate coin or coins in such meters.

24 (2) With respect to a municipality having a population in
25 excess of 145,000 according to the 2020 federal decennial census,
26 no persons shall be charged to park on a municipal public street
27 at any point that is adjacent to the perimeter of any real
28 property upon which any county courthouse or other building
29 housing any aspect of county government that provides services to
30 the general public is now or hereafter located for such time as
31 such persons are required to appear at the courthouse or other
32 public building by summons, subpoena, notice or other judicial
33 mandate, and/or for such time as is reasonably necessary to
34 utilize the public services provided at the courthouse or other
35 county building.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2025.

