

By: Senator(s) Williams

To: Highways and
Transportation; Judiciary,
Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2028

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF AND HIS DEPUTIES IN ANY COUNTY TO USE
3 RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS AND
4 HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE COUNTY, LYING OUTSIDE THE LIMITS OF ANY
5 INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY UNTIL A CERTAIN DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE
6 NUMBER OF RADAR GUNS ELIGIBLE FOR PURCHASE BY A COUNTY BASED ON
7 THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME DEPUTIES IN THE COUNTY; TO PROHIBIT THE
8 USE OF RADAR WITHIN 500 YARDS OF THE BOUNDARY LINE OF A
9 MUNICIPALITY, THE BOUNDARY LINE OF THE COUNTY AND A SPEED LIMIT
10 CHANGE; TO PROHIBIT SHERIFFS FROM USING RADAR SPEED DETECTION
11 EQUIPMENT ON ANY INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS OR FOUR-LANE STATE HIGHWAYS;
12 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

16 63-3-519. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or peace
17 officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway
18 Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of
19 radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or
20 highway of this state. However, such equipment may be used:

21 (a) By municipal law enforcement officers within a
22 municipality having a population of two thousand (2,000) or more
23 according to the latest or a previous federal census upon the



public streets of the municipality, but in no case where the latest federal census population for the municipality is less than one thousand five hundred (1,500);

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

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

(d) By municipal law enforcement officers upon the public streets of any incorporated municipality (i) where the county seat is located in the municipality and (ii) where there is a public community college located in the municipality * * *; and

(e) By the sheriff and deputy sheriffs of any county with a population exceeding fifty thousand (50,000) and wherein a public university is located on any public county road or highway within the county which is located outside the corporate limits of any incorporated municipality. Under this paragraph (e):

(i) Each sheriff's department shall not purchase more than two (2) radar guns;

(ii) Each sheriff's department shall not use radar speed detection equipment within five hundred (500) yards of:

1. The boundary line of a municipality;

2. The boundary line of the county; and



49 3. A speed limit change; and
50 (iii) Each sheriff's department shall not use
51 radar speed detection equipment on any interstate or any four-lane
52 state highway.

53 (2) The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall be
54 immediately notified by municipal or county law enforcement of any
55 road blockages or emergencies occurring on any federally
56 designated limited-access highways lying within the corporate or
57 county limits.

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

