

By: Senator(s) McLendon

To: Highways and  
Transportation; Judiciary,  
Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2029

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 OF THE COUNTY LYING OUTSIDE OF THE LIMITS OF ANY  
5 INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

10 63-3-519. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or peace  
11 officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway  
12 Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of  
13 radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or  
14 highway of this state. However, such equipment may be used:

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



21 (b) By any college or university campus police force  
22 within the confines of any campus wherein more than two thousand  
23 (2,000) students are enrolled;

24 (c) By municipal law enforcement officers in any  
25 municipality having a population in excess of fifteen thousand  
26 (15,000) according to the latest federal census on federally  
27 designated highways lying within the corporate limits \* \* \*;

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

32 (e) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this  
33 section, by the sheriff and his deputies of any county on any  
34 public road, street or highway under the jurisdiction of the  
35 county, which road, street or highway is located outside the  
36 corporate limits of a municipality.

37 (2) The board of supervisors of any county, in its  
38 discretion by order duly adopted and entered upon its minutes, may  
39 authorize the use of radar speed detection devices by the sheriff  
40 and his deputies on county roads, streets and highways as  
41 described under subsection (1) (e) of this section.

42 (3) The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall be  
43 immediately notified by municipal law enforcement of any road  
44 blockages or emergencies occurring on any federally designated  
45 limited-access highways lying within the corporate limits.



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

