

By: Senator(s) Horhn, Norwood

To: Municipalities

SENATE BILL NO. 2446

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-37-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FROM CHARGING PERSONS TO PARK
3 ON PUBLIC STREETS ADJACENT TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE OR OTHER
4 COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING DURING SUCH TIME AS SUCH PERSON IS REQUIRED
5 TO APPEAR AT THE COURTHOUSE OR AS IS REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR THE
6 PERSON TO UTILIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICES PROVIDED AT SUCH BUILDING;
7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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



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

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

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

