

By: Senator(s) Horhn, Norwood

To: Municipalities

SENATE BILL NO. 2446  
(As Passed the Senate)

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, CITY, STATE OR FEDERAL  
4 BUILDING DURING SUCH TIME AS SUCH PERSON IS REQUIRED TO APPEAR AT  
5 THE COURTHOUSE OR AS IS REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR THE PERSON TO  
6 UTILIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICES PROVIDED AT SUCH BUILDING; AND FOR  
7 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 person shall be charged to park on a  
27 municipal public street at any point that is adjacent to the  
28 perimeter of any real property upon which any county, city, state  
29 or federal building housing any aspect of county, city, state or  
30 federal government which provides services to the general public  
31 is now or hereafter located for such time as such persons are  
32 required to appear at the county, city, state or federal building  
33 by summons, subpoena, notice or other judicial mandate, and/or for  
34 such time as is reasonably necessary to utilize the public  
35 services provided at the county, city, state or federal building.

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

