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To: County Affairs;  
Municipalities

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1203

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY  
2 AND THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF ANY MUNICIPALITY TO IMPOSE A  
3 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IN CRIMINAL CASES; TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES  
4 DERIVED FROM SUCH ASSESSMENT SHALL BE EXPENDED TO FUND PROGRAMS TO  
5 REWARD PERSONS WHO PROVIDE INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND  
6 CONVICTION OF CRIMINAL VIOLATORS AND FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND  
7 REDUCTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. The board of supervisors of any county, in its  
10 discretion, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its minutes,  
11 may impose a special assessment in the amount of Two Dollars  
12 (\$2.00), in addition to all other fines, costs and penalties, upon  
13 each defendant in a criminal case convicted in the justice court,  
14 county court or circuit court. The clerk of the court shall  
15 collect such assessment in the same manner as fines, costs and  
16 other charges are collected, and shall forward the monies derived  
17 from such assessment to the chancery clerk for deposit into a  
18 special fund in the county treasury. Monies in the special fund  
19 may be expended, upon approval and appropriation thereof by the  
20 board of supervisors, to fund programs to reward persons who  
21 provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of  
22 criminal violators and for crime prevention and reduction.

23 SECTION 2. The governing authorities of any municipality, in  
24 their discretion, by resolution duly adopted and entered on their  
25 minutes, may impose a special assessment in the amount of Two  
26 Dollars (\$2.00), in addition to all other fines, costs and  
27 penalties, upon each defendant in a criminal case convicted in the  
28 municipal court. The clerk of the court shall collect such

29 assessment in the same manner as fines, costs and other charges  
30 are collected, and shall forward the monies derived from such  
31 assessment to the municipal clerk for deposit into a special fund  
32 in the municipal treasury. Monies in the special fund may be  
33 expended, upon approval and appropriation thereof by the governing  
34 authorities of the municipality, to fund programs to reward  
35 persons who provide information leading to the arrest and  
36 conviction of criminal violators and for crime prevention and  
37 reduction.

38 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
39 and after July 1, 2000.