

By: Senator(s) Thames

To: Fees, Salaries and  
Administration; Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2945

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES WHICH PARTICIPATE IN AN  
2 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RADIO COMMUNICATION PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO ASSESS AN  
4 ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE UPON ANY MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATION; TO PROVIDE  
5 THAT THE SURCHARGE SHALL BE USED BY THE COUNTY TO FUND ONLY THAT  
6 COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RADIO  
7 COMMUNICATION PROGRAM TO PURCHASE PUBLIC SAFETY WIRELESS  
8 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 SECTION 1. (1) In addition to any other monetary penalties  
11 and any other penalties imposed by law, any county which  
12 participates in an intergovernmental radio communication program  
13 approved by the Department of Information Technology Services may  
14 assess an additional surcharge in an amount not to exceed Fifteen  
15 Dollars (\$15.00) from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine  
16 or other penalty for any violation in Title 63, Mississippi Code  
17 of 1972, except offenses relating to vehicular parking or  
18 registration. The surcharge shall be used by the county to fund  
19 only that county's participation in the intergovernmental radio  
20 communication program to purchase public safety wireless  
21 communications systems.

22 (2) Approval of an intergovernmental radio communication  
23 program shall be given by the Department of Information Technology  
24 Services when:

25 (a) The program includes the sharing of support  
26 facilities (e.g., towers, shelters, microwave, etc.) by  
27 participating entities; or

28                   (b) The program includes the establishment of a mutual  
29 aid system using common radio frequency channels between  
30 participating entities; or

31                   (c) The program sets forth a feasible methodology which  
32 utilizes the radio frequency spectrum in an efficient manner.

33           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after its passage.