

By: Representatives Hamilton, Baker, Ellzey, Montgomery (15th), Montgomery (74th) To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1000
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REITERATE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI CRIME LABORATORY, THE DIVISION OF
3 SUPPORT SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE
4 MISSISSIPPI JUSTICE INFORMATION CENTER MAY COMBINE RESOURCES TO
5 CARRY OUT THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO
6 DELETE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES THE BUDGET FOR THE CRIME
7 LABORATORY TO BE MAINTAINED AND ADMINISTERED BY CRIME LABORATORY
8 PERSONNEL UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DIRECTOR; TO PROVIDE THAT
9 THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY WILL ESTABLISH AND THE DIVISION
10 OF SUPPORT SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WILL
11 COLLECT THE FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CRIME LABORATORY;
12 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

14 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-1-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
15 amended as follows:

16 45-1-29. (1) The Mississippi Crime Laboratory shall be
17 funded separately from the Department of Public Safety. Any
18 appropriated funds shall be maintained in an account separate from
19 any funds of the Department of Public Safety and shall never be
20 commingled with any funds of said department. However, nothing in
21 this section shall be construed to prohibit the utilization of the
22 combined resources of the Mississippi Crime Laboratory, the
23 Division of Support Services of the Department of Public Safety or
24 the Mississippi Justice Information Center to efficiently carry
25 out the mission of the Department of Public Safety.

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27 (2) Grants and donations to the crime laboratory may be
28 accepted from individuals, the federal government, firms,
29 corporations, foundations and other interested organizations and
30 societies.

31 (3) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall establish and
32 the Division of Support Services of the Department of Public



33 Safety shall collect for services rendered proper fees
34 commensurate with the services rendered by the crime laboratory.
35 Those fees shall be deposited into a special fund in the State
36 Treasury to the credit of the crime laboratory and expended in
37 accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the Department
38 of Finance and Administration. Those fees may be used for any
39 authorized expenditure of the crime laboratory except expenditures
40 for salaries, wages and fringe benefits.

41 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after July 1, 2002.

