

By: Senator(s) Thames

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2857

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 2 REMOVE THE PROVISIONS WHICH PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI CRIME
 3 LABORATORY SHALL BE FUNDED SEPARATELY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
 4 PUBLIC SAFETY AND THAT THE BUDGET FOR THE MISSISSIPPI CRIME
 5 LABORATORY SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND ADMINISTERED BY CRIME
 6 LABORATORY PERSONNEL; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC
 7 SAFETY SHALL ESTABLISH THE FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CRIME
 8 LABORATORY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

12 45-1-29. * * *

13 (1) Grants and donations to the crime laboratory may be
 14 accepted from individuals, the federal government, firms,
 15 corporations, foundations and other interested organizations and
 16 societies.

17 (2) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall establish, and
 18 the Division of Support Services shall collect, for services
 19 rendered by the crime laboratory proper fees commensurate with the
 20 services rendered. Such fees shall be deposited into a special
 21 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the crime laboratory
 22 and expended in accordance with applicable rules and regulations
 23 of the Fiscal Management Board. Such fees may be used for any
 24 authorized expenditure of the crime laboratory except expenditures
 25 for salaries, wages and fringe benefits.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
 27 and after its passage.

