

By: Representatives Stevens, Bowles, Clarke, Frierson, Horne To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 992
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION
2 SYSTEMS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
3 SERVICES TO REVIEW ALL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE AND TO
4 PROPOSE LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS; TO PROVIDE
5 FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE AND TO PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES;
6 TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT TO
7 THE TASK FORCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a Task Force on Local
10 Government Information Systems, hereinafter referred to as "task
11 force." The task force shall develop a report to the Department
12 of Information Technology Services to be delivered no later than
13 October 1, 2003. This report shall address at a minimum:

14 (a) A description of the current condition of
15 information technology services available to the public in the
16 offices of the chancery clerks, circuit clerks, tax assessors and
17 tax collectors of the State of Mississippi;

18 (b) Recommendations on the hardware and software needs
19 to create user-friendly, uniform systems for public access to
20 court records, land records, tax records and all other public
21 documents maintained by chancery clerks, circuit clerks, tax
22 assessors and tax collectors in all counties of the state;

23 (c) Recommendations or comments regarding system
24 compatibility and economy of those systems being developed under
25 the Secretary of State's authority to develop and implement a
26 statewide voter registration system, as required by Congress in
27 Public Law 107-252;



28 (d) Recommendations or comments on any initiative to
29 establish and implement a uniform Geographic Information System
30 (GIS) in each county of the state;

31 (e) Recommendations on methods of funding software,
32 hardware and telecommunications acquisitions necessary for each
33 county to comply with the task force recommendations;

34 (f) Recommendations for the use of world wide web-based
35 systems for accessing the public information systems recommended
36 in paragraph (b) of this section; and

37 (g) Recommendations on the hardware and software needs
38 necessary to comply with homeland security requirements of the
39 federal government relating to state agencies, counties and
40 municipal government.

41 Upon receiving the report of the task force, the Department
42 of Information Technology Services shall review the report and
43 make recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 15,
44 2003, regarding legislation that would be necessary to implement
45 the recommendations of the task force.

46 (2) The membership of the task force includes the following
47 members:

48 (a) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
49 Department of Information Technology Services or his designee;

50 (b) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance
51 and Administration or his designee;

52 (c) The Executive Director of the Administrative Office
53 of Courts;

54 (d) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
55 Department of Environmental Quality;

56 (e) The Secretary of State or his designee;

57 (f) The Chairman of the State Tax Commission or his
58 designee;

59 (g) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Automated
60 Resource Information System;



- 61 (h) The State Auditor or his designee;
- 62 (i) The Commissioner of Public Safety or his designee;
- 63 (j) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency
64 Management Agency;
- 65 (k) The Executive Director of the Department of
66 Archives and History or his designee;
- 67 (l) One (1) member of the Mississippi Chancery Clerks'
68 Association, appointed by the president of that association;
- 69 (m) One (1) member of the Mississippi Circuit Clerks'
70 Association, appointed by the president of that association;
- 71 (n) One (1) member of the Mississippi Association of
72 Supervisors, appointed by the president of that association;
- 73 (o) One (1) member of the Tax Assessors' and
74 Collectors' Association, appointed by the president of that
75 association;
- 76 (p) One (1) member of the Mississippi Sheriffs'
77 Association, appointed by the president of that association;
- 78 (q) One (1) member of the Mississippi Municipal League,
79 appointed by the president of that association;
- 80 (r) Two (2) citizen members, appointed by the Governor;
- 81 (s) One (1) member of the Mississippi House of
82 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 83 (t) One (1) member of the Mississippi State Senate,
84 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and
- 85 (u) One (1) member appointed by the Mississippi
86 Association of Planning and Development Districts.

87 No appointed member of the board shall have a material
88 financial interest in any business that sells, distributes or
89 manufactures computer software, hardware or any telecommunication
90 services.

91 (3) The Executive Director of the Administrative Office of
92 Courts shall serve as the chairman of the task force. A majority
93 of the members constitutes a quorum. All members must be notified



94 of all meetings, and such notices must be mailed at least five (5)
95 days before the date on which a meeting is to be held.

96 (4) Any member of the task force who is also a state
97 employee may not receive per diem compensation for attending
98 meetings of the task force, but may be reimbursed in accordance
99 with Section 25-3-41 for mileage and actual expenses incurred in
100 the performance of the duties. Legislative members of the task
101 force will be paid from the contingent expense funds of their
102 respective houses in the same amounts as provided for committee
103 meetings when the Legislature is not in session.

104 (5) To carry out the responsibilities provided for in this
105 act, the task force may establish a liaison with the advisory
106 committee created to assist the Secretary of State in developing
107 statewide voter registration systems. The task force may
108 establish a liaison with any statewide task force that may be
109 established to devise or recommend standards for the
110 implementation of statewide geographic information systems.

111 (6) The task force may utilize staff employed by the
112 agencies affected by this act and any other assistance made
113 available to it.

114 (7) This section shall stand repealed on June 30, 2004.

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

