

By: Senator(s) Jordan

To: Municipalities

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2656

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-27-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ALLOW A MUNICIPALITY TO EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT FOR TRASH DISPOSAL
3 CERTAIN INDIGENT ELDERLY OR DISABLED PERSONS; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-27-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 21-27-27. (1) No free service shall be furnished by any
9 such system, or combined system, to any private person, firm,
10 corporation or association. The municipality may, however,
11 furnish such service, free of charge, to the municipality or any
12 agency or department thereof, to any public school, or to any
13 hospital or benevolent institution located within such
14 municipality, including county, city and community fairs.

15 (2) The municipality may exempt from all or part of the
16 charges for the services of a garbage disposal system or rubbish
17 disposal system any person suffering from total disability as
18 determined by the federal Social Security Administration or who is
19 sixty-five (65) years of age or older if the disabled or elderly
20 person is the principal provider of income for the household and
21 is indigent. For purposes of this section, "indigent" means that
22 the annual household income of all persons living at the address,
23 in the aggregate, does not exceed sixty percent (60%) of the most
24 recently available poverty guidelines as issued by the Department
25 of Health and Human Services and published in the *Federal*
26 *Register.*

27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
28 and after July 1, 2003.

