

By: Senator(s) Jordan

To: Municipalities

SENATE BILL NO. 2656
(As Passed the Senate)

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



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

