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SENATE BILL NO. 2726

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR
2 REMOTE SENSING AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS; TO AMEND
3 SECTION 25-53-5, TO ASSIGN ADDITIONAL DUTIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 49-2-9, TO
5 ASSIGN ADDITIONAL DUTIES TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
6 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICE OF GEOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES; TO
7 BRING FORWARD SECTION 25-58-1 AND 25-58-3, WHICH AUTHORIZE THE
8 BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO CREATE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS;
9 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is established the Mississippi
12 Coordinating Council for Remote Sensing and Geographic Information
13 Systems, hereinafter referred to as the "council." The council
14 shall set and assure enforcement of policies and standards to make
15 it easier for remote sensing and geographic information system
16 users around the state to share information and to facilitate
17 cost-sharing arrangements to reduce the costs of acquiring remote
18 sensing and geographic information system data. The council's
19 responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

20 (a) Coordination of remote sensing and geographic
21 information system activities within Mississippi;

22 (b) Establishing policies and standards to guide
23 Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (MDITS)
24 in the review and approval of state and local government
25 procurement of both hardware and software development related to
26 remote sensing and geographic information system;

27 (c) Oversight of MDITS' implementation of these
28 responsibilities;

29 (d) Preparing a plan, with proposed state funding
30 priorities, for Mississippi's remote sensing and geographic



31 information system activities, including development, operation
32 and maintenance of the Mississippi Digital Earth Model;

33 (e) Oversight of the Mississippi Department of
34 Environmental Quality's development and maintenance of the
35 Mississippi Digital Earth Model, including establishing the order
36 in which the seven (7) core data layers shall be developed;

37 (f) Designating Mississippi's official representative
38 to the National States Geographic Information Council and to any
39 other national or regional remote sensing or geographical
40 information system organizations on which Mississippi has an
41 official seat;

42 (g) Establishing and designating the members of an
43 advisory committee made up of policy level officials from major
44 state, local, regional and federal agencies, as well as members of
45 the private sector;

46 (h) Creating a staff level technical users committee,
47 which any public or private sector entity in Mississippi
48 interested in remote sensing and geographic information may be
49 allowed to participate;

50 (i) Coordinate with the State Tax Commission to assure
51 that state and local governmental entities do not have to comply
52 with two (2) sets of requirements imposed by different
53 organizations;

54 (2) The Mississippi Coordinating Council for Remote Sensing
55 and Geographic Information Systems will be composed of the
56 following members:

57 (a) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
58 Department of Environmental Quality;

59 (b) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
60 Department of Information Technology Services;

61 (c) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
62 Department of Transportation;



- 63 (d) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency
64 Management Agency;
- 65 (e) The Executive Director of Mississippi Development
66 Authority;
- 67 (f) The Secretary of State;
- 68 (g) The chairman of the State Tax Commission;
- 69 (h) A representative from the Mississippi Institute for
70 Forestry Inventory, appointed by the Governor;
- 71 (i) A representative from Mississippi Automated
72 Resource Information System, appointed by the Governor;
- 73 (j) A representative from the Institutions of Higher
74 Learning, appointed by the Governor;
- 75 (k) A mayor, appointed by the Executive Director of the
76 Mississippi Municipal League;
- 77 (l) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Municipal
78 League;
- 79 (m) A county supervisor, appointed by the Executive
80 Director of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors;
- 81 (n) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
82 Association of Supervisors;
- 83 (o) A member of the Tax Assessors/Collectors
84 Association, to be appointed by the president of that association;
- 85 (p) A representative of the Planning and Development
86 Districts, appointed by the Governor;
- 87 (q) Mississippi's representative to the National States
88 Geographic Information Council;
- 89 (r) A Senator, as a nonvoting member, appointed by the
90 Lieutenant Governor; and
- 91 (s) A Representative, as a nonvoting member, appointed
92 by the Speaker of the House.

93 The members of the council shall serve for a term concurrent
94 with their service as an elected or appointed official or
95 concurrent with the term of the appointing official.



96 The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental
97 Quality shall serve as council chair and the Executive Director of
98 Information Technology Services as vicechair for the first two (2)
99 years. After the first two (2) years, the council shall elect
100 from its members a chair and vicechair, for terms to be specified
101 by the council.

102 If any member is unable to attend any meeting of the council,
103 the member may not designate another person to attend or vote at
104 such meeting. A majority of the members of the council
105 constitutes a quorum. All members must be notified in writing of
106 all meetings, and such notices must be mailed at least five (5)
107 days before the date on which a meeting is to be held.

108 (3) Any member of the council who is also a state employee
109 may not receive per diem compensation for attending meetings of
110 the study committee, but may be reimbursed in accordance with
111 Section 25-3-41 for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the
112 performance of the duties, if authorized by vote, at a meeting of
113 the council, which action must be recorded in the official minutes
114 of the meeting. Legislative members of the council will be paid
115 from the contingent expense funds of their respective houses in
116 the same amounts as provided for committee meetings when the
117 Legislature is not in session.

118 (4) The council may accept money from any source, public or
119 private, to be expended in implementing the duties under this act.

120 (5) The council may utilize staff employed by the agencies
121 affected by this act and any other assistance made available to
122 it.

123 **SECTION 2.** Section 25-53-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
124 amended as follows:

125 25-53-5. The authority shall have the following powers,
126 duties, and responsibilities:

127 (a) The authority shall provide for the development of
128 plans for the efficient acquisition and utilization of computer



129 equipment and services by all agencies of state government, and
130 provide for their implementation. In so doing, the authority may
131 use the MDITS staff, at the discretion of the executive director
132 of the authority, or the authority may contract for the services
133 of qualified consulting firms in the field of information
134 technology and utilize the service of such consultants as may be
135 necessary for such purposes.

136 (b) The authority shall immediately institute
137 procedures for carrying out the purposes of this chapter and
138 supervise the efficient execution of the powers and duties of the
139 office of executive director of the authority. In the execution
140 of its functions under this chapter, the authority shall maintain
141 as a paramount consideration the successful internal organization
142 and operation of the several agencies so that efficiency existing
143 therein shall not be adversely affected or impaired. In executing
144 its functions in relation to the institutions of higher learning
145 and junior colleges in the state, the authority shall take into
146 consideration the special needs of such institutions in relation
147 to the fields of teaching and scientific research.

148 (c) Title of whatever nature of all computer equipment
149 now vested in any agency of the State of Mississippi is hereby
150 vested in the authority, and no such equipment shall be disposed
151 of in any manner except in accordance with the direction of the
152 authority or under the provisions of such rules and regulations as
153 may hereafter be adopted by the authority in relation thereto.

154 (d) The authority shall adopt rules, regulations, and
155 procedures governing the acquisition of computer and
156 telecommunications equipment and services which shall, to the
157 fullest extent practicable, insure the maximum of competition
158 between all manufacturers of supplies or equipment or services.
159 In the writing of specifications, in the making of contracts
160 relating to the acquisition of such equipment and services, and in
161 the performance of its other duties the authority shall provide



162 for the maximum compatibility of all information systems hereafter
163 installed or utilized by all state agencies and may require the
164 use of common computer languages where necessary to accomplish the
165 purposes of this chapter. The authority may establish by
166 regulation and charge reasonable fees on a nondiscriminatory basis
167 for the furnishing to bidders of copies of bid specifications and
168 other documents issued by the authority.

169 (e) The authority shall adopt rules and regulations
170 governing the sharing with, or the sale or lease of information
171 technology services to any nonstate agency or person. Such
172 regulations shall provide that any such sharing, sale, or lease
173 shall be restricted in that same shall be accomplished only where
174 such services are not readily available otherwise within the
175 state, and then only at a charge to the user not less than the
176 prevailing rate of charge for similar services by private
177 enterprise within this state.

178 (f) The authority may, in its discretion, establish a
179 special technical advisory committee or committees to study and
180 make recommendations on technology matters within the competence
181 of the authority as the authority may see fit. Persons serving on
182 the Information Resource Council, its task forces, or any such
183 technical advisory committees shall be entitled to receive their
184 actual and necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance
185 of such duties, together with mileage as provided by law for state
186 employees, provided the same has been authorized by a resolution
187 duly adopted by the authority and entered on its minutes prior to
188 the performance of such duties.

189 (g) The authority may provide for the development and
190 require the adoption of standardized computer programs and may
191 provide for the dissemination of information to and the
192 establishment of training programs for the personnel of the
193 various information technology centers of state agencies and
194 personnel of the agencies utilizing the services thereof.



195 (h) The authority shall adopt reasonable rules and
196 regulations requiring the reporting to the authority through the
197 office of executive director of such information as may be
198 required for carrying out the purposes of this chapter and may
199 also establish such reasonable procedures to be followed in the
200 presentation of bills for payment under the terms of all contracts
201 for the acquisition of computer equipment and services now or
202 hereafter in force as may be required by the authority or by the
203 executive director in the execution of their powers and duties.

204 (i) The authority shall require such adequate
205 documentation of information technology procedures utilized by the
206 various state agencies and may require the establishment of such
207 organizational structures within state agencies relating to
208 information technology operations as may be necessary to
209 effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

210 (j) The authority may adopt such further reasonable
211 rules and regulations as may be necessary to fully implement the
212 purposes of this chapter. All rules and regulations adopted by
213 the authority shall be published and disseminated in readily
214 accessible form to all affected state agencies, and to all current
215 suppliers of computer equipment and services to the state, and to
216 all prospective suppliers requesting the same. Such rules and
217 regulations shall be kept current, be periodically revised, and
218 copies thereof shall be available at all times for inspection by
219 the public at reasonable hours in the offices of the authority.
220 Whenever possible no rule, regulation or any proposed amendment to
221 such rules and regulations shall be finally adopted or enforced
222 until copies of said proposed rules and regulations have been
223 furnished to all interested parties for their comment and
224 suggestions.

225 (k) The authority shall establish rules and regulations
226 which shall provide for the submission of all contracts proposed
227 to be executed by the executive director for computer equipment or



228 services to the authority for approval before final execution, and
229 the authority may provide that such contracts involving the
230 expenditure of less than such specified amount as may be
231 established by the authority may be finally executed by the
232 executive director without first obtaining such approval by the
233 authority.

234 (l) The authority is authorized to purchase, lease, or
235 rent computer equipment or services and to operate said equipment
236 and utilize said services in providing services to one or more
237 state agencies when in its opinion such operation will provide
238 maximum efficiency and economy in the functions of any such agency
239 or agencies.

240 (m) The authority shall assist political subdivisions
241 and instrumentalities in their development of plans for the
242 efficient acquisition and utilization of computer equipment and
243 services. An appropriate fee shall be charged the political
244 subdivision by the authority for such assistance.

245 (n) The authority shall adopt rules and regulations
246 governing the protest procedures to be followed by any actual or
247 prospective bidder, offerer or contractor who is aggrieved in
248 connection with the solicitation or award of a contract for the
249 acquisition of computer equipment or services. Such rules and
250 regulations shall prescribe the manner, time and procedure for
251 making protests and may provide that a protest not timely filed
252 shall be summarily denied. The authority may require the
253 protesting party, at the time of filing the protest, to post a
254 bond, payable to the state, in an amount that the authority
255 determines sufficient to cover any expense or loss incurred by the
256 state, the authority or any state agency as a result of the
257 protest if the protest subsequently is determined by a court of
258 competent jurisdiction to have been filed without any substantial
259 basis or reasonable expectation to believe that the protest was
260 meritorious; however, in no event may the amount of the bond



261 required exceed a reasonable estimate of the total project cost.
262 The authority, in its discretion, also may prohibit any
263 prospective bidder, offerer or contractor who is a party to any
264 litigation involving any such contract with the state, the
265 authority or any agency of the state to participate in any other
266 such bid, offer or contract, or to be awarded any such contract,
267 during the pendency of the litigation.

268 (o) The authority shall make a report in writing to the
269 Legislature each year in the month of January. Such report shall
270 contain a full and detailed account of the work of the authority
271 for the preceding year as specified in Section 25-53-29(3).

272 All acquisitions of computer equipment and services involving
273 the expenditure of funds in excess of the dollar amount
274 established in Section 31-7-13(c), or rentals or leases in excess
275 of the dollar amount established in Section 31-7-13(c) for the
276 term of the contract, shall be based upon competitive and open
277 specifications, and contracts therefor shall be entered into only
278 after advertisements for bids are published in one or more daily
279 newspapers having a general circulation in the state not less than
280 fourteen (14) days prior to receiving sealed bids therefor. The
281 authority may reserve the right to reject any or all bids, and if
282 all bids are rejected, the authority may negotiate a contract
283 within the limitations of the specifications so long as the terms
284 of any such negotiated contract are equal to or better than the
285 comparable terms submitted by the lowest and best bidder, and so
286 long as the total cost to the State of Mississippi does not exceed
287 the lowest bid. If the authority accepts one (1) of such bids, it
288 shall be that which is the lowest and best.

289 (p) When applicable, the authority may procure
290 equipment, systems and related services in accordance with the law
291 or regulations, or both, which govern the Bureau of Purchasing of
292 the Office of General Services or which govern the Mississippi



293 Department of Information Technology Services procurement of
294 telecommunications equipment, software and services.

295 (q) The authority is authorized to purchase, lease, or
296 rent information technology and services for the purpose of
297 establishing pilot projects to investigate emerging technologies.
298 These acquisitions shall be limited to new technologies and shall
299 be limited to an amount set by annual appropriation of the
300 Legislature. These acquisitions shall be exempt from the
301 advertising and bidding requirement.

302 (r) All fees collected by the Mississippi Department of
303 Information Technology Services shall be deposited into the
304 Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services
305 Revolving Fund unless otherwise specified by the Legislature.

306 (s) The authority is responsible for reviewing and
307 approving state and local government procurement of both hardware
308 and software development related to remote sensing and geographic
309 information systems. In addition, the authority is responsible
310 for development, operation and maintenance of a delivery system
311 infrastructure for geographic information systems data. The
312 authority shall provide a warehouse for Mississippi's geographic
313 information systems data.

314 **SECTION 3.** Section 49-2-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
315 amended as follows:

316 49-2-9. (1) Effective July 1, 1979, the commission shall
317 have the following powers and duties:

318 (a) To formulate the policy of the department regarding
319 natural resources within the jurisdiction of the department;

320 (b) To adopt, modify, repeal, and promulgate, after due
321 notice and hearing, and where not otherwise prohibited by federal
322 or state law, to make exceptions to and grant exemptions and
323 variances from, and to enforce rules and regulations implementing
324 or effectuating the powers and duties of the commission under any
325 and all statutes within the commission's jurisdiction, and as the



326 commission may deem necessary to prevent, control and abate
327 existing or potential pollution;

328 (c) To apply for, receive and expend any federal or
329 state funds or contributions, gifts, devises, bequests or funds
330 from any other source;

331 (d) To commission or conduct studies designed to
332 determine alternative methods of managing or using the natural
333 resources of this state, in a manner to insure efficiency and
334 maximum productivity;

335 (e) To enter into, and to authorize the executive
336 director to execute with the approval of the commission,
337 contracts, grants and cooperative agreements with any federal or
338 state agency or subdivision thereof, or any public or private
339 institution located inside or outside the State of Mississippi, or
340 any person, corporation or association in connection with carrying
341 out the provisions of this chapter; but this authority under this
342 chapter and under any and all statutes within the commission's
343 jurisdiction, except those statutes relating to the Bureau of
344 Recreation and Parks, shall not include contracts, grants or
345 cooperative agreements which do not develop data or information
346 usable by the commission, or which provide goods, services or
347 facilities to the commission or any of its bureaus, and shall
348 exclude any monies for special interest groups for purposes of
349 lobbying or otherwise promoting their special interests; and

350 (f) To discharge such other duties, responsibilities
351 and powers as are necessary to implement the provisions of this
352 chapter.

353 (2) The Office of Geology and Energy Resources is
354 responsible for program management, development and maintenance of
355 the Mississippi Digital Earth Model, which should include the
356 following seven (7) core data layers of a digital land base
357 computer model of the State of Mississippi:

358 (a) Geodetic control;



- 359 (b) Elevation and bathymetry;
- 360 (c) Orthoimagery;
- 361 (d) Hydrography;
- 362 (e) Transportation;
- 363 (f) Government boundaries; and
- 364 (g) Cadastral.

365 For all seven (7) framework layers, the Office of Geology and
366 Energy Resources will be the integrator of data from all sources
367 and the guarantor of data completeness and consistency.

368 **SECTION 4.** Section 25-58-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
369 brought forward as follows:

370 25-58-1. (1) For the purposes of this section, the
371 following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the
372 context clearly requires otherwise:

373 (a) "Geographic information system" means a
374 computerized, spatial coordinate mapping and relational data base
375 technology which (i) captures, assembles, stores, converts,
376 manages, analyzes, amalgamates and records, in the digital mode,
377 all kinds and types of information and data; (ii) transforms such
378 information and data into intelligence; and subsequently (iii)
379 retrieves, presents and distributes that intelligence to a user
380 for use in making the intelligent decisions necessary for sound
381 management of private or political affairs.

382 (b) "Data base" means a collection of available
383 information and data assembled into electronic files for efficient
384 and timely management of county and municipal affairs and
385 functions and the exercise of the powers, duties and
386 responsibilities placed upon the governing authorities of a county
387 or municipality by Mississippi law and the Mississippi
388 Constitution.

389 (c) "Multipurpose cadastre" means a uniformly accepted
390 base map registered to the Mississippi State Plane Coordinate
391 System and depicting boundaries of all public properties.



392 (d) "Mississippi State Plane Coordinate System" means
393 the system of plane rectangular coordinates established by the
394 National Geodetic Survey which system is further identified as
395 North American Datum (NAD) 1983.

396 (2) The board of supervisors of any county and the governing
397 authorities of any municipality are hereby authorized and
398 empowered, in their discretion, to do all things necessary and
399 desirable to create a geographic information system for the county
400 or municipality, as appropriate. Data bases for such a system
401 shall be created under the direct supervision of persons who are
402 experienced in and possess a demonstrated knowledge of the
403 preparation of geographic information systems and of the data
404 bases and the other requirements and activities related thereto.

405 (3) The board of supervisors of any county and the governing
406 authorities of any municipality are further authorized and
407 empowered, in their discretion, to prepare, or have prepared, a
408 multipurpose cadastre registered to the accuracy standards
409 promulgated by the Federal Geodetic Control Committee established
410 under the provisions of the United States Office of Management and
411 Budget Memoranda A-16.

412 (4) No geographic information system or multipurpose
413 cadastre shall be contracted for, purchased, leased, or created by
414 any county or municipality unless the county or municipality shall
415 first submit its plan for a geographic information system and
416 multipurpose cadastre to the Mississippi Central Data Processing
417 Authority for its approval, and all bids or proposals for such a
418 geographic information system or multipurpose cadastre shall be
419 submitted to and evaluated by the Mississippi Central Data
420 Processing Authority before any bid or proposal is accepted. In
421 making its evaluation, the Mississippi Central Data Processing
422 Authority shall consider options available to the county or
423 municipality by reason of the existence of other publicly



424 financed, owned, or operated geographic information systems or
425 multipurpose cadastres available to the county or municipality.

426 **SECTION 5.** Section 25-58-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
427 brought forward as follows:

428 25-58-3. (1) The board of supervisors of any county and the
429 governing authorities of any municipality (both referred to in
430 this section as "governing authority") are hereby authorized and
431 empowered, in their discretion, to borrow money, pursuant to the
432 provisions of this section to create the geographic information
433 system and prepare the multipurpose cadastre authorized in Section
434 25-58-1.

435 (2) Before any money is borrowed under the provisions of
436 this section, the governing authority shall adopt a resolution
437 declaring the necessity for such borrowing and specifying the
438 purpose for which the money borrowed is to be expended, the amount
439 to be borrowed, the date or dates of the maturity thereof, and how
440 such indebtedness is to be evidenced. The resolution shall be
441 certified over the signature of the head of the governing
442 authority.

443 (3) The borrowing shall be evidenced by negotiable notes or
444 certificates of indebtedness of the governing authority which
445 shall be signed by the principal officer and clerk of such
446 governing authority. All such notes or certificates of
447 indebtedness shall be offered at public sale by the governing
448 authority after not less than ten (10) days' advertising in a
449 newspaper having general circulation within the governing
450 authority. Each sale shall be made to the bidder offering the
451 lowest rate of interest or whose bid represents the lowest net
452 cost to the governing authority; however, the rate of interest
453 shall not exceed that now or hereafter authorized in Section
454 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972. No such notes or
455 certificates of indebtedness shall be issued and sold for less
456 than par and accrued interest. All notes or certificates of



457 indebtedness shall mature in approximately equal installments of
458 principal and interest over a period not to exceed ten (10) years
459 from the dates of the issuance thereof. Principal shall be
460 payable annually, and interest shall be payable annually or
461 semiannually; provided, however, that the first payment of
462 principal or interest may be for any period not exceeding one (1)
463 year. Provided, however, if negotiable notes are outstanding from
464 not more than one (1) previous issue authorized under the
465 provisions of this section, then the schedule of payments for a
466 new or supplementary issue may be so adjusted that the schedule of
467 maturities of all notes or series of notes hereunder shall, when
468 combined, mature in approximately equal installments of principal
469 and interest over a period of ten (10) years from the date of the
470 new or supplementary issue, or if a lower interest rate will
471 thereby be secured on notes previously issued and outstanding, a
472 portion of the proceeds of any issue authorized hereunder may be
473 used to refund the balance of the indebtedness previously issued
474 under the authority of this article. Such notes or certificates
475 of indebtedness shall be issued in such form and in such
476 denominations as may be determined by the governing authority and
477 may be made payable at the office of any bank or trust company
478 selected by the governing authority. In such case, funds for the
479 payment of principal and interest due thereon shall be provided in
480 the same manner provided by law for the payment of the principal
481 and interest due on bonds issued by the governing authority.

482 (4) For the prompt payment of notes or certificates of
483 indebtedness at maturity, both principal and interest, the full
484 faith, credit and resources of the issuing entity are pledged.
485 Furthermore, the governing authority may annually levy a special
486 tax in an amount not to exceed three (3) mills upon all of its
487 taxable property, the avails of which shall be paid into a sinking
488 fund and used exclusively for the payment of principal of and
489 interest on the notes or certificates of indebtedness. Until



490 needed for expenditure, monies in the sinking fund may be invested
491 in the same manner as the governing authority is elsewhere
492 authorized by law to invest surplus funds.

493 (5) The proceeds of any notes or certificates of
494 indebtedness issued under the provisions of this section shall be
495 placed in a special fund and shall be expended only for the
496 purpose or purposes for which they were issued as shown by the
497 resolution authorizing the issuance thereof. If a balance shall
498 remain of the proceeds of such notes or certificates of
499 indebtedness after the purpose or purposes for which they were
500 issued shall have been accomplished, such balance shall be used to
501 pay such obligations at or before maturity and may be transferred
502 to any sinking fund previously established for the payment
503 thereof.

504 (6) Proceeds from the sale of notes or certificates of
505 indebtedness not immediately necessary for expenditure shall be
506 invested in the same manner as surplus funds of the governing
507 authority may be invested.

508 (7) Regardless of the method of paying for the creation of a
509 geographic information system or for the preparation of a
510 multipurpose cadastre, and notwithstanding anything in the
511 Mississippi Public Records Act Section 25-61-1 et seq., to the
512 contrary, a county or municipality which has created or acquired a
513 geographic information system or prepared a multipurpose cadastre
514 may assess a fee or charge in accordance with the provisions of
515 Section 25-61-7(2). However, all fees shall be subject to a
516 standard scale adopted by the governing authority. If the
517 governing authority has issued notes or certificates of
518 indebtedness, any fees shall be deposited into the sinking fund
519 and used exclusively for payment of principal and interest on the
520 notes or certificates of indebtedness until paid in full.
521 Thereafter, the fees shall be deposited into the county's or
522 municipality's general fund.



523 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
524 and after July 1, 2003.

