

*****Adopted*****

AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Bill NO. 2583

By Representative(s) Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

SECTION 1. Section 25-41-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

25-41-15. The chancery courts of this state shall have the
authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter upon
application of any citizen of the state, and shall have the
authority to issue injunctions or writs of mandamus to accomplish
that purpose. If a court finds that a public body has willfully
and knowingly violated the provisions of this chapter, the
individual members of that public body shall be liable civilly in
a sum not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), plus all
reasonable expenses incurred by such person or persons bringing
the lawsuit.

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-41-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
TO PROVIDE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS
LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.