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To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1159

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-11-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REQUIRE THE ANNUAL BUDGET PREPARED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
3 EACH COUNTY TO PROVIDE AT LEAST A MINIMUM LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR  
4 EACH OF THE VARIOUS OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT;  
5 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-11-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 **[With regard to any county which is exempt from the**  
10 **provisions of Section 19-2-3, this section shall read as follows:]**

11 19-11-7. The board of supervisors of each county of the  
12 State of Mississippi shall, at its August meeting of each year,  
13 prepare a complete budget of revenues, expenses and a working cash  
14 balance estimated for the next fiscal year, which shall be based  
15 on the aggregate funds estimated to be available for the ensuing  
16 fiscal year for each fund, from which such estimated expenses will  
17 be paid, exclusive of school maintenance funds, which shall be  
18 shown separately. Such statement of revenues shall show every  
19 source of revenue along with the amount derived from each source.  
20 The budget containing such statement of revenues and expenses  
21 shall be published at least one (1) time during August or  
22 September but not later than September 30 of the year in a  
23 newspaper published in the county, or if no newspaper is published  
24 therein, then in a newspaper having a general circulation therein.

25 The budget shall provide for funding of each of the various  
26 offices and departments of county government at a level sufficient  
27 to ensure that each of such offices and departments can provide at

28 least the minimum services that they are required by law to  
29 provide.

30 **[With regard to any county which is required to operate on a**  
31 **countywide system of road administration as described in Section**  
32 **19-2-3, this section shall read as follows:]**

33 19-11-7. The county administrator of each county of the  
34 State of Mississippi shall prepare and submit to the board of  
35 supervisors at its August meeting of each year a complete budget  
36 of revenues, expenses and a working cash balance estimated for the  
37 next fiscal year, which shall be based on the aggregate funds  
38 estimated to be available for the ensuing fiscal year for each  
39 fund, from which such estimated expenses will be paid, exclusive  
40 of school maintenance funds, which shall be shown separately and  
41 exclusive of the budget of the sheriff's department which shall be  
42 prepared by the sheriff. Such statement of revenues shall show  
43 every source of revenue along with the amount derived from each  
44 source. The budget, including the sheriff's budget, containing  
45 such statement of revenues and expenses shall be published at  
46 least one (1) time during August or September but not later than  
47 September 30 of the year in a newspaper published in the county,  
48 or if no newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper  
49 having a general circulation therein.

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51 offices and departments of county government at a level sufficient  
52 to ensure that each of such offices and departments can provide at  
53 least the minimum services that they are required by law to  
54 provide.

55 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
56 and after October 1, 2004.