

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Municipalities

## SENATE BILL NO. 2923

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-37-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF MUNICIPALITIES TO ALLOW THE  
3 CLOSURE OF ANY PUBLIC STREET BY ELECTRONIC GATE OR SECURITY  
4 PERSONNEL DURING CERTAIN HOURS OF EACH DAY, PROVIDED THAT ALL  
5 RESIDENTS ON THE STREET CONSENT TO THE CLOSURE; AND FOR RELATED  
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-37-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 21-37-7. (1) The governing authorities of municipalities  
11 shall have the power to close and vacate any street or alley, or  
12 any portion thereof. No street or alley or any portion thereof  
13 shall be closed or vacated, however, except upon due compensation  
14 being first made to the abutting landowners upon such street or  
15 alley for all damages sustained thereby.

16 (2) The governing authorities of municipalities may allow  
17 the closure of any public street by electronic gate or security  
18 personnel during certain hours of each day, provided that all  
19 residents on the street consent to the closure. Any governing  
20 authority, in its discretion, may repair, maintain, pave,  
21 sprinkle, adorn and light such street.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after its passage.