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To: Local and Private
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HOUSE BILL NO. 143

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JACKSON
2 COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE USE OF RADAR SPEED
3 DETECTION EQUIPMENT BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY FOR
4 TWO TWELVE-MONTH PERIODS; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE BOARD ESTABLISHES
5 SUCH PROGRAM, THE BOARD MAY PURCHASE OR ACQUIRE RADAR SPEED
6 DETECTION DEVICES FOR USE BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OF THE
7 COUNTY IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMITS ON THE ROADS, STREETS
8 AND HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ANY
9 INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY; TO REQUIRE THE SHERIFF TO COLLECT AND
10 REPORT CERTAIN INFORMATION TO A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD
11 OF SUPERVISORS AND THE SHERIFF DEMONSTRATING THE EFFECT THAT THE
12 USE OF SUCH RADAR SPEED DETECTION DEVICES HAS HAD OVER THE INITIAL
13 TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD IN REDUCING TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES;
14 TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUTHORITY FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OF
15 JACKSON COUNTY TO USE RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT AFTER JUNE
16 30, 2009, SHALL STAND REPEALED UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY SUBSEQUENT
17 LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

19 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Board of Supervisors of Jackson County,
20 in its discretion, by order duly adopted and entered upon its
21 minutes, may establish a pilot program for the use of radar speed
22 detection equipment by the sheriff's department of the county. If
23 the board establishes such program, the board may expend out of
24 any available funds of the county, an amount that the board
25 determines is sufficient for the purchase or acquisition of not
26 more than twenty (20) radar speed detection devices. Such devices
27 and equipment, when so authorized and acquired, may be operated
28 and used by the Sheriff of Jackson County and any duly sworn
29 deputy sheriff of the county to enforce the motor vehicle speed
30 limits on any public road, street or highway within the county
31 outside the corporate limits of any incorporated municipality.

32 (2) The pilot program shall be divided into two (2)
33 twelve-month periods. The initial twelve-month period shall begin
34 on July 1, 2007, and end on June 30, 2008. The second



35 twelve-month period shall begin on July 1, 2008, and end on June
36 30, 2009.

37 (3) At the end of the initial twelve-month period, the
38 Sheriff of Jackson County shall present to the Board of
39 Supervisors of Jackson County the following information:

40 (a) The number of speeding citations issued during the
41 period from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, without the use
42 of radar, compared to the number of speeding citations issued
43 during the period from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, with
44 the use of radar;

45 (b) The number of serious injuries and fatal crashes in
46 automobile accidents in the county for the two (2) comparative
47 years described in paragraph (a) above; and

48 (c) The number of felony arrests made as a result of
49 traffic stops made by the sheriff's office in the county using
50 radar for the period from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

51 (4) A committee to be appointed by the board of supervisors
52 and the sheriff shall review the statistics provided by the
53 sheriff under subsection (3) of this section and make such
54 suggestions as the committee deems appropriate for addressing any
55 concerns or problems with regard to the use or operation of radar
56 speed detection equipment by the sheriff's office during the
57 initial twelve-month period of the pilot program.

58 (5) Upon completion of review of the statistics by the
59 committee under subsection (4) of this section, and the making of
60 any suggestions for improvement, the sheriff and his deputies
61 shall be authorized to use radar speed detection equipment for an
62 additional twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2008, to enforce
63 the motor vehicle speed limits on any public road, street or
64 highway within the county outside the corporate limits of any
65 incorporated municipality.

66 (6) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
67 2009, and the authority of the Sheriff of Jackson County and any



68 duly sworn deputy sheriff of the county to enforce the motor
69 vehicle speed limits on any public road, street or highway within
70 the county shall terminate unless authorized by subsequent
71 legislation enacted by the Legislature.

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

