MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2007

By: Representative Woods

To: County Affairs; Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 378

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-3-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE REWARD AMOUNT COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES MAY OFFER FOR CRIMINAL INFORMATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 99-3-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-3-39. (1) Boards of supervisors of the various counties of this state and the governing authorities of the municipalities, may either separately or in conjunction with each other, within their discretion, offer monetary rewards, the amount of which shall be fixed by the aforesaid governing authorities, within their discretion, for information leading to the apprehension of any person subsequently convicted of any crime or misdemeanor committed within this state; information regarding the whereabouts of missing persons; the ascertaining or divulging of any information necessary or helpful for the governing or the tranquility of any municipality or county of this state or for any like purpose, provided said reward shall not exceed the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000.00) and provided further, that said reward shall not be paid to any law enforcement officer or any employee of the governing authority offering such reward or any member of the immediate family of either.

(2) The aforesaid rewards may be paid from the general fund of the respective counties or municipalities.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2007.

ST: Rewards for criminal informants; increase amount counties and municipalities may offer.