

**RESOLUTION OF THE MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF
STATE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING SHERIFFS' OFFICES TO UTILIZE RADAR SPEED
DETECTION FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors is charged with promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Madison County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, traffic safety and the reduction of serious injury and fatal motor vehicle crashes remain a significant public safety priority in Madison County and throughout the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, excessive speed is a leading contributing factor in traffic crashes, including those resulting in serious bodily injury and death; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi law currently restricts the use of radar speed detection equipment for traffic enforcement by sheriffs' offices, while allowing such technology for other law enforcement agencies within the state; and

WHEREAS, radar speed detection is a proven, widely accepted, and effective law enforcement tool that enhances the ability of deputies to accurately identify and deter dangerous speeding behavior; and

WHEREAS, authorizing sheriffs' offices to utilize radar speed detection would promote uniformity among law enforcement agencies, improve traffic safety outcomes, and provide deputies with modern tools necessary to protect the public through school zones and work zones as outlined by definition; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Sheriff's Office has demonstrated a commitment to lawful, professional, and impartial traffic enforcement aimed at saving lives rather than generating revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors recognizes that any expansion of radar use would remain subject to Mississippi statutory requirements, training standards, judicial oversight, and constitutional protections afforded to motorists;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its full support for the Mississippi Legislature to enact legislation amending current state law to allow sheriffs' offices to utilize radar speed detection equipment for traffic enforcement purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors respectfully urges the Madison County legislative delegation and all members of the Mississippi Legislature to support such legislation in the interest of public safety and traffic fatality reduction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Mississippi, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives, the Madison County legislative delegation, and other appropriate state officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Madison County Board of Supervisors, Madison County, Mississippi, on this the ____ day of _____, 2026.

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____

President, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

By: Representative McMillan

To:

COPY

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF AND HIS OR HER DEPUTIES IN ANY COUNTY TO
3 USE RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS,
4 ROADS AND HIGHWAYS WHERE A WORK ZONE OR SCHOOL ZONE IS DESIGNATED;
5 TO DEFINE THE TERMS "WORK ZONE" AND "SCHOOL ZONE"; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 63-3-519, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 63-3-519. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or peace
11 officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway
12 Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of
13 radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or
14 highway of this state. However, such equipment may be used:

15 (a) By municipal law enforcement officers within a
16 municipality having a population of two thousand (2,000) or more
17 according to the latest or a previous federal census upon the
18 public streets of the municipality, but in no case where the
19 latest federal census population for the municipality is less than
20 one thousand five hundred (1,500);



21 (b) By any college or university campus police force
22 within the confines of any campus wherein more than two thousand
23 (2,000) students are enrolled;

24 (c) By municipal law enforcement officers in any
25 municipality having a population in excess of fifteen thousand
26 (15,000) according to the latest federal census on federally
27 designated highways lying within the corporate limits * * *;

28 (d) By municipal law enforcement officers upon the
29 public streets of any incorporated municipality (i) where the
30 county seat is located in the municipality and (ii) where there is
31 a public community college located in the municipality * * *; and

32 (e) By the sheriff and his or her deputies in any
33 county on any public road, street or highway designated as a
34 school zone or work zone. Under this paragraph (e) the following
35 terms shall have the following meanings:

36 (i) "Work zone" means a construction or
37 maintenance area that is located on or along any public highway,
38 road or street within this state that is marked by appropriate
39 warning signs or other traffic control devices indicating that
40 work is in progress; and

41 (ii) "School zone" means a designated roadway
42 segment approaching, adjacent to, and beyond school buildings or
43 grounds, or along which school related activities occur.

44 (2) The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall be
45 immediately notified by municipal law enforcement of any road



46 blockages or emergencies occurring on any federally designated
47 limited-access highways lying within the corporate limits.

48 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
49 and after July 1, 2026.

