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Governor Musgrove Signs Open Meetings Legislation

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has signed two bills that make government more accountable to the people. House Bill 454 provides for the imposition of a penalty of not more than \$100 if it is found that a public body has “willfully and knowingly violated” open meetings law. House Bill 583 applies open meetings law to teleconference and video meetings.

“Our government is based on accountability to the people we serve, and these new laws strengthen that accountability,” Musgrove said. “As a state senator, I held open conference committee meetings, even when that was not the norm.”

Both bills become effective July 1, 2003.

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