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***SENATE BILL NO. 2836***

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PANOLA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO LEVY CERTAIN ASSESSMENTS, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS, IN CERTAIN CASES FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING A DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM OR SIMILAR PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

**SECTION 1.** (1) The Board of Supervisors of Panola County, Mississippi, in its discretion, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its minutes, may levy an assessment, in addition to any other assessments and court costs, in the justice, county and circuit courts situated within the county as follows:

(a) Upon each person convicted under the Controlled Substances Law or under the Mississippi Implied Consent Law, the amount of Ten Dollars (\$10.00); and

(b) Upon each person convicted of a moving traffic violation other than a violation of the Implied Consent Law, the amount of Five Dollars (\$5.00).

(2) The resolution adopted by the board of supervisors shall include a statement of the board's intent to levy the additional assessments, the purpose therefor and the date on which the courts will begin to impose the additional assessments.

(3) The avails of any additional assessments imposed under subsection (1) of this section shall be used exclusively to fund the implementation of a Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program or similar program designed to deter the abuse of drugs in the county school district. If the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program or similar program described in this subsection shall fail to be implemented or shall cease to function for a period of thirty (30) days, then this act shall be automatically repealed and the board of supervisors shall stop the imposition of the assessments authorized by this section.

(4) Upon the adoption of the resolution stating its intent to levy the additional assessments, the board of supervisors shall provide for the creation of a special county fund in which all court costs collected under subsection (1) of this section shall be deposited. Monies in the special fund shall be used for the sole purpose of defraying the cost of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program or similar program.

(5) The clerks of the respective courts shall deposit and account for the additional court costs collected under subsection (1) of this section in the same manner as fines collected in those courts.

(6) This section shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2017.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall retroactively take effect and be in force from and after December 31, 2011.

PASSED BY THE SENATE  
March 20, 2013



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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
March 27, 2013



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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



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