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State legislatures consider and enact laws that address the administration and use of forensic science by state justice systems. Issues addressed in these measures include the delegation of oversight responsibilities for forensic services, accreditation standards for forensic laboratories, access to post-conviction DNA testing, the collection and analysis of DNA samples from arrested and convicted individuals and procedures for eyewitness identification. Following is information on this state's legislative activity on forensic science issues. More information on forensic science policy from all 50 states and the District of Columbia is available on the NCSL [forensic science page](#).

Administration of State Forensic Services§§ 45-1-27, 45-33-37

The state administers its forensic services through the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

Convicted Offender DNA Analysis§ 47-5-183

People convicted of any felony must submit a DNA sample to state officials.

Post Conviction DNA Analysis§ 99-39-5

The state allows anyone sentenced to apply for post-conviction DNA testing. Their application must raise a reasonable likelihood of more probative results. Applications must be filed within three years of final judgment. Mississippi code has specifications for the preservation of biological evidence.

